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Raku and Onodera go to a shopping mall together in this volume. Well, I love malls too! No matter what the weather's like, it's a big, comfortable space where you can eat food and treats and shop and have fun all day. I could live in a mall!

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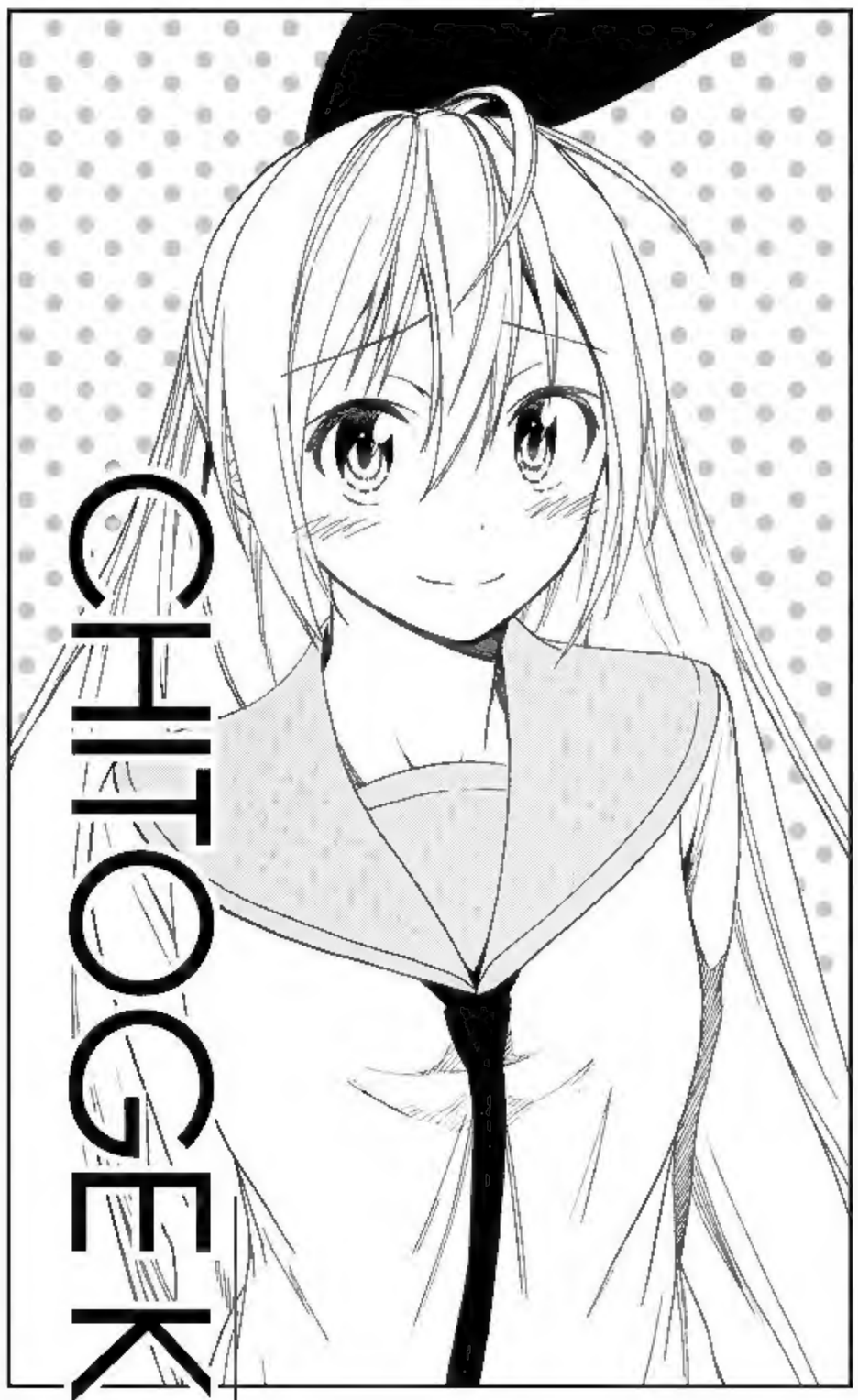

CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.

RAKU ICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago.

SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend is outgoing and girl-crazy.

RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.

YUI KANAKURA

A childhood friend of Raku's, Yui is the head of a Chinese mafia gang and the homeroom teacher of Raku's class at his school. She is currently staying at Raku's house and also has a special key linked to some kind of promise...

MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.

CHARACTERS & STORY

Ten years ago, Raku Ichijo made a promise with a girl he loved that they would get married when they met again...and he still treasures the pendant she gave him to seal their pledge.

Thanks to his family's circumstances, Raku has to pretend he's dating Chitoge Kirisaki, the daughter of a rival gangster. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge manage to fool everyone. Chitoge also has a token from her first love ten years ago—an old key. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, also has a key, as do Marika, the girl Raku's father has arranged for him to marry, and Yui, a childhood friend who's their homeroom teacher. Now, after their school trip, Chitoge is devastated to learn that her family is moving away! What will Raku do?!

SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Trained as an assassin in order to protect Chitoge, Tsugumi is often mistaken for a boy.

HARU ONODERA

Kosaki's adoring younger sister. Has a low opinion of Raku.

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SCARY!!

KHHRR

WHOA!

KHHRR

RR

Chapter 162: Understanding

AN ORDINARY TEENAGER AGAINST A TOP-TIER GANGSTER...

I DON'T STAND A CHANCE...

BUT WHEN HE GETS SERIOUS, HE'S PRETTY INTIMIDATING!

HE USUALLY LOOKS LIKE SUCH AN IDIOT...

SHF

AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO!

I CAN'T BACK DOWN NOW!

BUT A GUY'S GOTTA KEEP HIS WORD.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO MY BEST!!

R

RA

AAA

AA

RRRRR

THAT'S ENOUGH, BOTH OF YOU.

STOP!

BOSS!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

DADDY ?!

...?!

FATHER?!

CHITOGE'S...

EVERY-THING'S BEEN SETTLED!

OH, YOU'LL STOP ALL RIGHT.

THERE'S A REASON FOR THIS!

PLEASE DON'T STOP ME, BOSS...

THIS YOUNG MAN IS MY DAUGHTER'S BOYFRIEND. WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, CLAUDE?

?!

ER... I... UM...

...HAS BEEN CANCELED.

THE MOVE...

HUH?

WHA...

?!

LET THE MISTRESS STAY IN JAPAN!

PLEASE, BOSS!

...SIGNED BY EVERY BEEHIVE MEMBER IN THIS HOUSE.

I JUST RECEIVED A PETITION AND AN OATH...

WE CAN'T BEAR TO SEE THE MISTRESS SUFFER LIKE THIS JUST BECAUSE WE GET INTO TOO MANY FIGHTS!

WHEN WE HEARD HER LOCKED UP AND CRYING, THAT DID IT FOR US!

AND WE CAN'T STAND TO SEE HER LIKE THIS!

WE LOVE THE MISTRESS TOO!

SO PLEASE, BOSS...

NO MATTER WHAT!

FOR HER SAKE, WE HEREBY SWEAR TO NEVER AGAIN FIGHT WITH THE SHUEI-GUMI, NOT EVEN THE TINIEST BIT!

KCHIK

HANA AGREES. SHE WANTS TO RESPECT CHITOGE'S FEELINGS ON THE MATTER.

PROBLEM SOLVED.

YOU GUYS...

...

YOU WIN.

DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY.

DADDY!

I OBJECT!

B-B-BUT...!

AT LEAST UNTIL YOU FINISH HIGH SCHOOL...

...WE'LL STAY IN JAPAN.

I HEAR YOU RESORTED TO SOME VERY EXTREME MEASURES.

You bugged my daughter, ?

WE CAN'T LET A FLEETING WHIM BE THE DECIDING FACTOR!

THIS MOVE IS BEST FOR THE MISTRESS'S FUTURE!

CLAUDE...

WHAP

CAPISCE ?

WE'LL HAVE A NICE LONG CHAT LATER, JUST YOU AND ME.

KRAKKA

KRAK KRAK

BUT YOU OVERDO THINGS SOMETIMES, AND THAT TARNISHES MY TRUST.

I TRUST YOU, CLAUDE...

CLAMP

HUH?

I HAVE TO THANK YOU, RAKU...

NOW...

SHE DID DISOBEY ORDERS, BUT SHE WON'T BE PUNISHED.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT TSUGUMI.

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

NO BIG DEAL...

NAH...

I APPRECIATE THAT.

YOU WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AID MY DAUGHTER.

RIGHT!

...

THE GUEST OF HONOR MUSTN'T BE LATE!

I UNDER-STAND THERE'S A PARTY TONIGHT?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

NO...

How so?

OH?

YOU DIDN'T NEED ME AFTER ALL!

YEESH!

I RISKED MY LIFE FOR NOTHING BACK THERE!

PHEW

NEVER MIND.

LET'S GO!

EVERYONE'S WAITING!

WHAT?!

YOU'RE NOT LEAVING?!

YOUR MOVE WAS CANCELED ?

...I CAN STAY TILL WE GRADUATE.

IT TURNS OUT...

AFTER YOU GUYS WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO THROW ME A PARTY...

YES... ACTUALLY ...

WOO-HOO! WE GET TO GRADUATE TOGETHER!!

HOORAAAAY!!

LET'S CELE-BRATE!!

FOR REAL?! YOU'RE STAYING IN JAPAN, CHITOGE?!

WHOA! CHITOGE'S CRYING!!

Kyu

SHLOOSH

ATTA GIRL! LET IT ALL OUT!!

CHATTER

CHATTER

Staying in Japan Party

Goodbye Party

YAP

YAP

YAP

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE EITHER.

P-PAULA...!

...

WHAT?

WE'RE NOT MOVING?

GREAT, NOW I'VE GOT TO UNPACK. WHATTA DRAG.

AFTER I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF PACKING...

OH...

CONGRATU-LATIONS, MCCOY!!

LET'S TOSS HER IN THE AIR, GUYS!

LEAVE ME ALONE!!

AUGH !!

YOU'RE NOT FOOLING US, PAULA!!

WHAT A PAIN...

PLIP PLIP

KIRISAKI...

Hey now...

LEMME DOWN, YOU CRETINS!!

MCCOY!!

HIP-HIP... HOO-RAY!

HIP-HIP... HOO-RAY!

HIP-HIP... HOO-RAY!

HA! I'M STAYING!

TOO BAD FOR YOU!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR ENERGY, DEAR.

WELL, RAKU DEAREST IS MINE, WHETHER YOU STAY OR GO.

MA-RIKA...

SO, THE MOVE WAS CANCELED.

CONGRATU-LATIONS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HMM?

THAT WASN'T VERY SINCERE.

I DRANK WAAAY TOO MUCH!!

AHHH...

YAP YAP YAP

THAT WAS SOOO FUN!

MAN, IT'S LATE!

TOO MUCH JUICE?

THE WAY YOU SAID IT SOUNDED BAD...

RAKU...

THANK YOU...

HUH?

JUST REMEM-BERING MAKES ME TEAR UP...

HOW EVERYONE WAS SO HAPPY FOR ME...

THAT WAS SO NICE...

SHLOOSH

CALM DOWN NOW...

...

THANK YOU...

SO...

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU.

I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

SHUT UP! I'M BEING SINCERE HERE!

YOU'RE NOT REALLY DRUNK, ARE YOU?

WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?

...DO ALL THAT FOR ME?

WHY DID YOU...

HEY... CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

I MEAN...

...YOU COULD'VE BEEN KILLED!

...AND CAME THROUGH FOR ME...

BUT YOU REALLY STEPPED UP...

WHY?

B-BMP

...

WELL...

"BETWEEN ONODERA AND KIRISAKI...

"WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE?"

YES...

I GET IT NOW.

THE OTHER DAY...

...ALL OF A SUDDEN SHU ASKED ME...

"WHAT IS SHE TO YOU?"

"HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT KIRISAKI?"

HUH?

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE BEFORE, WHEN WE HATED EACH OTHER...

...BUT AT THE SAME TIME...

...I WOULDN'T SAY YOU'RE JUST A FRIEND EITHER.

NOW...

...I GET IT.

I FEEL... IT'S BECAUSE ...

I KNOW WHY I RISKED MY LIFE FOR YOU.

...ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS!

YOU'RE REALLY...

WE'RE LIKE WAR BUDDIES!

AND WE WENT THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER, PLAYING SWEETHEARTS AND ALL...

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER A LONG TIME NOW.

I'M GLAD YOU'LL STILL BE AROUND ...

GRR!

BUT ANYWAY, I'M REALLY GLAD YOU'RE STAYING IN JAPAN.

IT'S KINDA EMBAR-RASSING TO SAY IT TO YOUR FACE...

SUDDENLY, IT WAS REALLY CLEAR TO ME, Y'KNOW?

YOU'RE NOT JUST A REGULAR FRIEND TO ME.

WHYYY?!

?!

BLAM

YOU STUPID, IDIOTIC, INSENSITIVE BEAN SPROUT!!

HUH?! OH... RIGHT... I'M SORRY, DADDY...

CLAUDE JUST TOLD ME YOU INTENDED TO MOVE IN WITH THE SHUEI-GUMI?

NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR, MY DEAR!

HELLO, CHITOGE? GOT A MOMENT?

HUH? DADDY? WHAT IS IT?

HAHH... HAHH...

BRRING!

HUH?

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE IN WITH THE SHUEI-GUMI?

WHAAAAT?!

I JUST SPOKE WITH YOUNG RAKU'S FATHER...

ANY-WAY ...

CHI-TOGE ...

They sure love her...
I heard that!! Who called me Cutie MaCoy-Coy?!
RRAWR!!
MA-COY!!
MA-COY!!
MA-COY!!
When did that happen?
Awww...

WAIT A MINUTE, DADDY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

SHE'S... STAYING WITH ME?!

HEY NOW... WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?!

Chapter 163: Fragment

YES.

YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE IS IN TOTAL CHAOS, WHAT WITH ALL THE BOXES AND SUCH...

ONE DAY?

OH, DON'T WORRY! IT'S JUST FOR ONE DAY!

YOU WERE PLANNING ON MOVING IN ANYWAY, RIGHT?

...AND I ASKED THE SHUEI-GUMI IF YOU COULD STAY THE NIGHT UNTIL WE GET THE HOUSE BACK IN ORDER.

I BOOKED A HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT...

WELCOME, YOUNG MISTRESS!!

CONSIDER IT TRAINING FOR WHEN YOU GET MARRIED!

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

...

AND NOW IT'S ONLY FOR ONE NIGHT... BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...

IT'S TRUE... I REALLY WAS PLANNING ON MOVING IN...

WHAT NOW?

YIKES!

GRIN

I GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN BEING A GORILLA GIRL!!

HE CONSIDERS ME A CLOSE FRIEND? IS THAT PROGRESS?

HOLD ON! I WAS SERIOUSLY PLANNING ON CONFESSING MY FEELINGS YESTERDAY!

NO NEED TO GET ALL SELF-CONSCIOUS!

WAIT, HOW COME I'M ALL NERVOUS? JUST YESTERDAY I HAD THIS REVELATION THAT CHITOGE'S A CLOSE BUDDY!

SHAKA SHAKA

YEAH, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DATING, BUT HAVING A GIRL FROM SCHOOL SLEEP OVER? THAT'S WEIRD!

SHEESH, THERE GO OUR DADS AGAIN, PULLING STUFF LIKE THIS WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH US!

WELL, AREN'T YOU UNUSUALLY DUTIFUL TODAY...

I DON'T WANT TO JUST BE A BURDEN... I'VE GOTTA HELP OUT!

I CAN'T DO THAT! I'M SUPPOSED TO TRAIN FOR MARRIAGE!

!

WE CAN JUST CHILL OUT AND RELAX...

WELL, IT'S JUST ONE DAY ANYWAY.

Uh-oh...

OH REALLY? FINE! I'LL SHOW YOU!!

HMPH! AM I SUPPOSED TO JUST LET COMMENTS LIKE THAT GO?!

YOUR HELP WILL PROBABLY DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD...

BUT...

WHAT THE HECK?!

WHAT HAPPENED?!

TAK TAK

!

AIEE!!

KA-BANG

SPLAT SPLOOSH

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

THE LAUNDRY MACHINE JUST BLEW UP ALL OF A SUDDEN!

RAKU, YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS!

OWIE...

YOU'VE NEVER DONE LAUNDRY BEFORE, HAVE YOU?!

At least read the directions!!

WAS THAT WRONG?

HUH?

YOU DUMPED THE WHOLE BOX OF DETERGENT IN?

HMM... WELL, THAT SEEMS STRAIGHT-FORWARD ENOUGH...

NEXT I'M GOING TO CLEAN THE HOUSE!

WHA...?! NO, IT'S OKAY! I JUST MADE ONE LITTLE MISTAKE!!

REALLY, I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST RELAX...

WAS THIS PLACE RANSACKED BY A BURGLAR?!

DOOM

慰謝料

BUT...I JUST CLEANED ...

?

YOU SUCK AT PUTTING STUFF AWAY!!

Isn't that weird? It's the same amount...

WELL, I PULLED EVERYTHING OUT OF THE DRAWERS TO ORGANIZE IT, BUT IT DIDN'T ALL FIT BACK IN AGAIN.

HOW COME THERE'S MORE STUFF LYING AROUND THAN BEFORE YOU STARTED?!

HOW THE HECK DID IT END UP LIKE THIS?!

THAT'S DEFINITELY YOUR BIGGEST WEAKNESS !!!

!

I KNOW. I'LL MAKE DINNER TONIGHT.

THAT'S HARSH! I WORKED REALLY HARD, YOU KNOW?!

SHEESH !

I APPRECIATE IT, BUT WE ALL HAVE OUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES...

...

WHERE DOES THAT CONFI-DENCE COME FROM?!

SOMETIMES MY FOOD TURNS OUT GOOD! I FEEL LIKE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS!

A NEGA-TIVE ONE!!

THAT'S NOT TRUE. YOU HAVE A VERY CONSISTENT TRACK RECORD...

WHY ARE YOU JUST SHOOTING ME DOWN WITHOUT GIVING ME A FAIR CHANCE?!

I'LL HELP YOU, THEN.

ALL RIGHT.

NGHHH

IT'S READY!!

TA-DAA

GOOD-NESS GRACIOUS ...

PSSH

GLUB GLUB

WOW! YOU MADE ALL THIS, YOUNG MISTRESS?!

WHAT TO SAY...

DELICIOUS...!

CHOMP

BLRF ?!

YEAH, ME TOO!

KLINK KLINK

ME TOO!

ER... WELL, I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!

...

HEY !!!

PLEASE, YOU FIRST!!

GOOD NIGHT.

FINE BY ME. I'M NOT FREAKED OUT.

GOOD NIGHT.

ME TOO.

RYU AND THE GUYS WERE ABSOLUTELY INSISTENT...

WHAT CAN WE DO?

WE'RE REALLY SLEEPING IN THE SAME ROOM?

UM...

TA—DAA

THAT SHU... WHY'D HE GO AND SAY ALL THAT STUFF?!

YEAH, SHE'S A GIRL AND ALL, I KNOW...

WHY SHOULD THIS MAKE ME NERVOUS?!

GAH!! I CAN'T SLEEP!!

I GUESS...

EVERYTHING'S BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS.

THE MOVE'S CANCELED...

WE'RE STAYING IN JAPAN TILL WE GRADUATE...

OUR RELATION-SHIP TOO...

AFTER ALL THAT...

EVERY-THING'S BACK TO NORMAL.

BACK TO THE SAME ORDEAL OF PRETENDING WE'RE DATING...

YEAH...

REMEM-BER WHAT I TOLD YOU?

...

REALLY ...

I DON'T MIND IT ANYMORE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

CAN YOU STICK WITH IT?

...

I...

CLAT

TER!!!

EEK! SHE'S LYING ON TOP OF ME!!

SHE'S REALLY ASLEEP?

H-HELP!!

I'M FULL... I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE...

OOPS! FORGOT TO TELL YOU...

EVERY NIGHT THIS AND THAT HAPPENS ...

WHAT THE HECK?!!

MS. YUI?! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?!

OKAY!

YOU CAN GRAB IT IF YOU WANT...

OH, SORRY... IT'S IN MY CLOSET.

HARU...

DO YOU HAVE THAT CD I LENT YOU?

Onodera

KTUNK

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

OH, HERE IT IS!!

LET'S SEE... WHERE IS IT?

KCHAK

OH!

!!

FWAP

WHAT'S THIS?

...IS...

THIS...

☆ Doing Laundry ☆

WAIT...

COULD THIS BE...

THE MISSING PAGES...

...OF THE PICTURE BOOK?

WHY WAS THIS IN HARU'S ROOM...?

FLAPPA

Chapter 164: Magic

...

TH... THIS...

!!

HARU...

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT'S THAT?

JOLT

HEY, SIS... YOU FIND THE CD?

YEAH...

YOU REMEMBER THIS, HARU?

IT WAS IN HERE?

OH, WOW! BOY, DOES THAT BRING BACK MEMORIES! IT'S THAT PICTURE BOOK YOU HAD WHEN WE WERE KIDS...

I LIKED IT TOO. I READ IT A LOT.

AT ONE POINT THIS PART OF THE BOOK FELL OUT...

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO BE MAD AT ME, SO I HID IT.

I KNOW IT'S KINDA LATE NOW, BUT... SORRY, SIS.

I'd forgotten ...

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT...

WHY... WHAT'S UP?

OH... NOTHING ...

...?

BY THE WAY...YOU'RE REALLY FREE TOMORROW, SIS?

YEAH, I'M FREE...

HUH ?

YOU KEEP ASKING ME THAT. WHAT'S THE DEAL?

OH, NOTHING!

...?

GRIN

IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE...

BEING A HOUSE-GUEST IS TIRING!

PHEW!! I'M EXHAUST-ED!

THANKS FOR EVERY-THING!

CHIRP

CHIRP

I've asked her to stop...

WELL, NOT EVERY NIGHT.

Talk about night-time creepy crawlers...

BY THE WAY... DOES MS. YUI DO THAT EVERY NIGHT?

THE END OF THE SEMES-TER?

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A WARM WINTER THIS YEAR, BUT YOU STILL GOTTA TAKE CARE NOT TO CATCH COLD.

YEP... TOMOR-ROW'S THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

GEE, IT'S SURE GETTING COLD THESE DAYS.

WINTER BREAK IS COMING UP SOON...

HEY... WHAT'S TODAY'S DATE?

I FEEL LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING...

BZZ BZZ BZZ BZZ

HUH?

FROM HANA?

What's up?!

A TEXT FROM MY MOM!!

HUH?!

OH! SHE'S IN JAPAN!

WOW!

WHOA! IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE TONIGHT!!

GEEZ! WITH THE MOVE AND ALL THAT CRAZINESS I TOTALLY FORGOT!!

YOU'RE GONNA BE WITH YOUR MOM AGAIN?

I'VE BEEN REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

YEAH!

SORRY, RAKU! I'VE GOTTA RUN!

YEAH, OF COURSE! YOU SHOULD HURRY!

MY MOM DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME!

YEAH!

Ch...Christ...mas...

WHAT A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR!

WOW... SHE'S BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...

Haru Onodera

...?

IT'S FROM HARU...?

You got a mail!☆

BZZ BZZ BZZ BZZ

NOW... WHAT'LL I DO?

MAYBE I'LL BAKE A CAKE FOR RYU AND THE GUYS...

SHOOP

HEY THERE!

Japanese Confections
Onodera

MERRY CHRIST-MAS!

WHAT'S UP? YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME...

OH, HI ICHIJO!

MERRY CHRIST-MAS!

YES... THANKS FOR COMING!

THERE'S SOME-THING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

SCARY!

I WAS WONDERING... IF YOU COULD DO ME A BIIIG FAVOR...

KCHAK

HMM... WONDER WHAT SHE'S PLOTTING...

You never can tell with Haru...

OKAY... SHOULD I JUST GO IN?

GO RIGHT AHEAD. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

Go on, move it!

COULD YOU WAIT IN MY ROOM?

I JUST NEED TO FINISH UP HERE.

WONDER IF ONODERA'S IN HER ROOM NEXT DOOR...

GEEZ... NOW I'M NERVOUS!

...

Nice and neat, just like before.

IT'S MY SECOND TIME IN THIS ROOM...

IT'S HARD TO RELAX IN A GIRL'S ROOM...

GLANCE—GLANCE

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

WHAT'S IT DOING IN HERE?

IT'S THAT PICTURE BOOK ONODERA HAD...

HUH? WAIT...

...HUH?

WAIT...

IS THIS...

?!

WHAT THE...?

THERE ARE PAGES HERE I'VE NEVER SEEN!

?! ?! ?!

WAAAAH!!

THIS...

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, ONODERA ...

S... SORRY!

I...I WASN'T SURE IF I SHOULD DISTURB YOU...

Y-Y-YIKES! YOU STARTLED ME!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE...

I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE YET.

I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU ALL AT SCHOOL TOMORROW ...

YES.

I SEE...

YOU FOUND THEM IN HARU'S ROOM...

WILL YOU HAVE A LOOK?

BUT...

...MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST.

I REALLY WANTED YOU TO SEE SOMETHING, ICHIJO.

HUH?

HE WAS ALMOST AT THE PRINCESS'S CASTLE! BUT...

THE PRINCE BEGAN TO RUN ONCE MORE.

FLIPPA

THIS WAS THE MISSING PART...

...AS HE TRAVELS TO REACH THE PRINCESS...

THE STORY WAS ABOUT A PRINCE WHO OVERCOMES VARIOUS OBSTACLES...

...

LET'S SEE...

FLIPPA

THE PRINCESS HAD PERISHED IN THE FIRE.

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.

...THE PRINCESS'S CASTLE WAS AFLAME!

LO AND BEHOLD...

THE PRINCE'S SOBS ECHOED ACROSS THE KINGDOM.

THE PRINCE FORGOT HIS TIRED LEGS AND RAN AS FAST AS HE COULD!

FLIPPA

HUH?!

...AND INSERTED IT INTO HIS LOCK.

HE TOOK THE KEY CLASPED TIGHTLY IN THE PRINCESS'S HAND...

...SAID THE PRINCE.

"ZAWSZE IN LOVE"...

Magic

The lock popped open...

Two rings came out, engraved with their names.

REMEMBER YOU SAID...

...THE FIRST TIME YOU MET THE GIRL YOU MADE THE PROMISE WITH...

...YOU WROTE IN THE PICTURE BOOK SHE WAS READING TO GIVE IT A HAPPY ENDING?

Mg.

THIS...

...HAND-WRITING ...

...THIS MUST BE THE BOOK THE GIRL WAS READING.

IF IT IS, THAT MEANS...

IT LOOKS LIKE MY WRITING.

Mg.

AND IF THE BOOK WAS AT ONODERA'S HOUSE... THAT MEANS...

...THIS IS IT?

DO YOU THINK...

...THE GIRL I MADE THE PROMISE WITH!

ONODERA WAS...

Y-Y-Y-YEAH, RIGHT?!

YOU AND ME, ONODERA ...!!

I CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!!

GEE... WHAT A SURPRISE !!

WHO WOULDA THUNK IT!!

OH...

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR THE REST.

YEAH, I KNOW...

WHAT ABOUT THE END?

WAIT... IS THAT ALL THE PAGES?

IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME OTHER WAY TO PROVE WE MADE THE PROMISE TOGETHER ...

I MEAN, IT'S UNLIKELY, BUT...

"THE LOCK POPPED OPEN...

BUT WHAT IF THE WRITING ISN'T MINE?

I'D SAY IT'S 99 PERCENT FOR SURE IT'S ONODERA NOW!

BUT... DO WE EVEN NEED THE END NOW?

...MAYBE THIS PENDANT HAS THE SAME THING INSIDE...

IF WE WERE COPYING THE PROMISE FROM THAT STORY-BOOK...

IF SO...!!

"TWO RINGS CAME OUT ENGRAVED WITH THEIR NAMES."

...!

HARU...

I'VE ONLY GOT A FEW MINUTES, SO...

OH, HEYA, SIS!

JOLT!

KCHAK

THANKS FOR WAITING, ICHIJO!

OH, ER...

NOTH-ING...

OH, WERE YOU LOOKING AT THE BOOK?

WHAT'S UP?

WHAT IS IT?

A favor?

HUH?

I WANTED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR, ICHIJO, AND IT INVOLVES YOU TOO, SIS!

WELL, ANYWAY, THIS IS PERFECT.

I WANT YOU TO GO ON A DATE WITH MY SISTER. RIGHT NOW.

ICHIJO ...

WHA -??

I said, A DATE !!
Say what?
A date!
Um ... What did you say?

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A D-D-D-DATE...?!

W-WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HARU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

HEY, CALM DOWN.

LET ME EXPLAIN.

YEP, THAT ONE.

YEAH, THE REALLY HUGE ONE?

YOU KNOW THE SHOPPING MALL THEY BUILT LAST YEAR A FEW TRAIN STATIONS OVER?

...SO I WAS HOPING YOU TWO COULD GO FOR ME.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M WORKING TODAY...

SWISH

SWISH

B-B-B-BUT...

I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WANT ONE!!

THERE'S THIS LEGENDARY FIR TREE THERE.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THEY'RE GOING TO BE GIVING AWAY SPECIAL LIMITED-EDITION PLUSHIES, BUT YOU HAVE TO GO AS A COUPLE TO GET ONE!

YOU SAID YOU DON'T HAVE PLANS TODAY, RIGHT, SIS? SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

I DON'T, BUT ONODERA PROBABLY DOES...

DO YOU, ICHIJO?

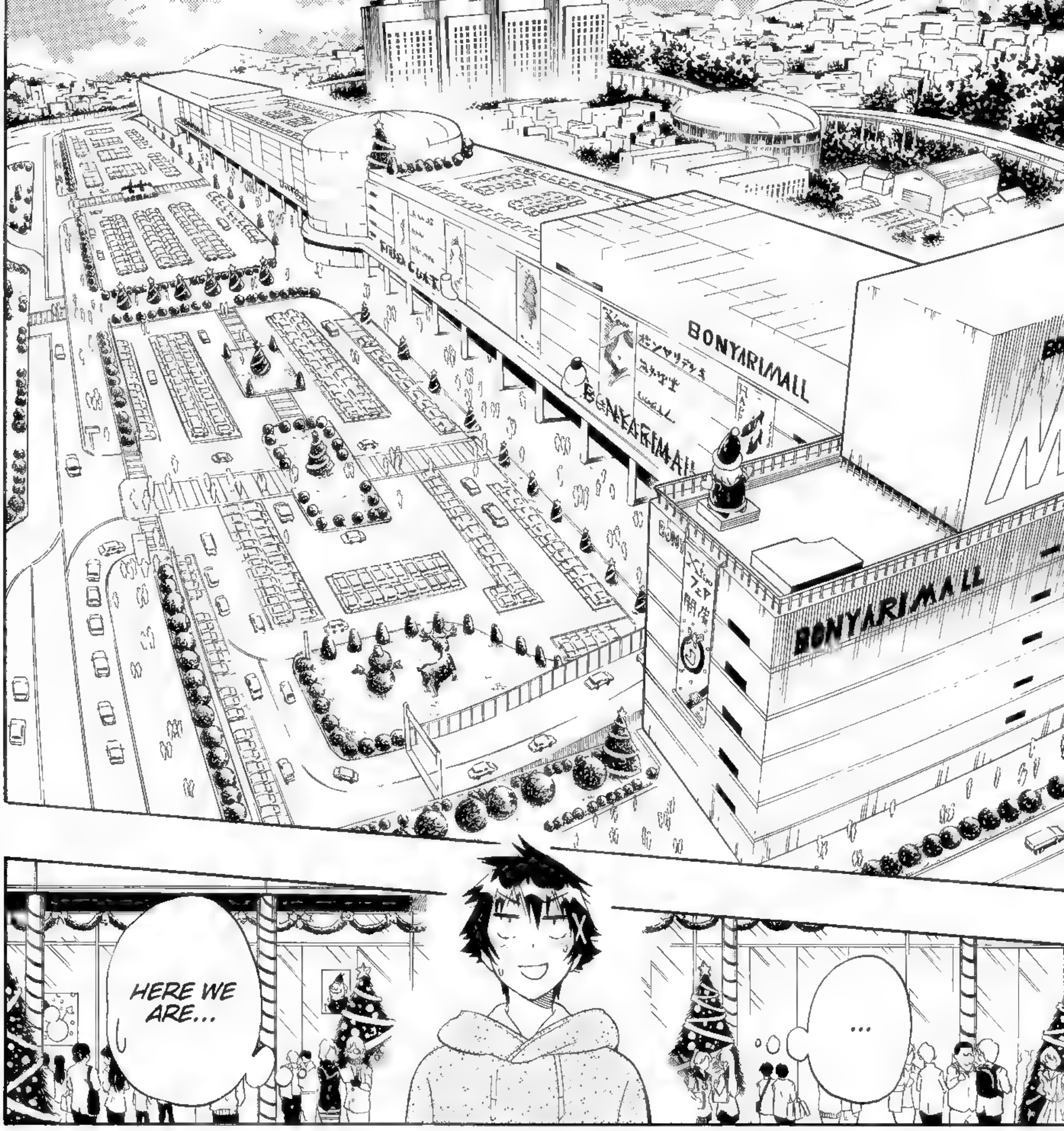
I'M SURE ICHIJO HAS OTHER PLANS!

Y-Y-Y-YOU CAN'T JUST SPRING THIS ON US OUT OF THE BLUE!

WHAAAT?!

HAVE A NICE TIME! ♪

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BOTH FREE.


BONYARI MALL
BONYARI MALL
HERE WE ARE...
...

ICHIJO...
BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR HER TO TRY TO HELP ME OUT... HRM...
WHATEVER IT IS, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S WORKING OUT IN MY FAVOR.
AAAUGH!! WHAT'S HARU PLOTTING? I'M SO CONFUSED...
AAAAAH...

ZING

I GOT US A MAP.

GEE... DO I LOOK WEIRD?

ER...

I CHANGED CLOTHES IN A RUSH...

I...

I THINK YOU LOOK...

...CUTE.

DID I JUST SAY THAT?

NOT THE SLIGHTEST BIT!!

YOU DON'T LOOK WEIRD!

N-N-NO.... NOT AT ALL!

ER... UM...

GEE... TH-TH-THIS SURE IS A BIG MALL...

YEAH?

THERE'LL PROB-ABLY BE A LOT OF PEOPLE!

OH, YEAH!! LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE!!

FLU SH

WOW!

THIS IS TOO AMAZING!

I GET TO GO ON A (PSEUDO) DATE WITH ONODERA ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

AAAAH! THAT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER!!

Ichijo said... I look cute...

OH... I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH IT!

I JUST HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, ONODERA ...

OH, I'M GOOD...

HARU KINDA ROPED US INTO THIS...

S-SORRY ...

I HEARD WHAT YOU DID, ICHIJO. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

I'M SURE GLAD...

...CHITOGE ISN'T MOVING.

Thank you, really.

NAH... I REALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING IN THE END.

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE A FAKE CHRISTMAS EVE DATE WITH HER?

OH! BUT WHAT ABOUT CHITOGE?

OH.

Right, she mentioned that.

NOPE. SHE'S SPENDING CHRISTMAS EVE WITH HER MOTHER.

I WANTED TO SUPPORT CHITOGE, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO THAT DAY.

...IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU.

REALLY...

HUH?

THANK YOU, ONO-DERA.

SO I'M THE ONE WHO'S GRATEFUL.

THE FACT THAT YOU GAVE ME A PUSH...

...IS WHAT GOT ME MOVING.

THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY YOU ARE.

?

EVEN IF I HADN'T SAID ANYTHING, I'M SURE YOU WOULD'VE DONE SOMETHING, ICHIJO.

NO...

...

THIS IS THE COURT-YARD?

SO...

WOW! IT'S HUUUGE !!

THIS IS THE LEGENDARY FIR TREE?

IT SURE IS IMPRESSIVE !!

I-ICHIJO...

OH? THE PAMPHLET SAYS IT'S BEEN HERE FOR OVER A CENTURY, AND THEY BUILT THE COURTYARD AROUND IT...

WOW... BUT WHY IS IT LEGENDARY...?

LEGEND HAS IT THAT IF A COUPLE WATCHES THE TREE LIGHT UP TOGETHER, THEY WILL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

EVERY YEAR, A SPECIAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE.

"THE LEGEND OF THE FIR TREE"

H-HAPPILY EVER AFTER?!

EIGHT O'CLOCK? IT'S NOT EVEN NOON YET...

SO THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO COME AS A COUPLE...

WHAT?! SHE DIDN'T TELL US THAT!!

THAT'S WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE AWAY THE PLUSHIES HARU WANTED.

THE TREE WILL LIGHT UP AT EIGHT IN THE EVENING FOR ONLY FIVE MINUTES.

OOOH!! LOOK, LOOK!!

THE LEGEND-ARY FIR TREE?

HARU, YOU DID THIS ON PURPOSE...

I'M STOKED, BUT I HOPE ONODERA DOESN'T MIND...

GEEZ... THAT MEANS WE'LL SEE THE TREE LIGHT UP AS A COUPLE?!

M-MARRIED?!!

HOW SWEET !!

I HEAR PEOPLE GET MARRIED HERE!

AMAZ-ING!!

NOT THAT I EXPECT IT, BUT STILL... M-M-MARRIAGE...

...WE PROMISED EACH OTHER WE'D GET MARRIED...

RIGHT... IF ONODERA'S THE GIRL I MADE THE PROMISE WITH LONG AGO...

"LET'S GET MARRIED..!!"

GASP!

IF IT WAS, THEN!...

...A PROMISE TO GET MARRIED...

COME TO THINK OF IT, MARIKA MENTIONED THAT THE PROMISE WAS PROBABLY...

OH! GOOD IDEA!

LET'S DO THAT!

SHOULD WE SIT DOWN SOME-WHERE AND TALK IT OVER?

WELL, HEY! IT'S STILL MORNING. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF TIME TO KILL!

ER... UM...

I DON'T THINK WE'LL RUN OUT OF STUFF TO DO!

THERE'S MORE HERE THAN WE CAN SEE IN A DAY!

THIS PLACE SURE IS HUGE!

FLIP

3F

HUH... THAT'S INTER-ESTING...

A LOCK-SMITH?

HMM ?

KEY & LOCK

PETS, FURNITURE, HOBBY SHOPS...

THERE'S ALL KINDS OF SHOPS HERE...

HEY, ONODERA...

DO YOU HAVE YOUR KEY WITH YOU TODAY?

HUH?

TING

...WHAT'S INSIDE THIS PENDANT?

SHOULD WE TRY AND SEE...

...

BUMP

OH, UH...WE TOTALLY DON'T HAVE TO!

JUST...YOU KNOW...IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

IF WE BASED OUR PROMISE TEN YEARS AGO ON THIS BOOK...

REMEMBER WHAT IT SAID IN THOSE PAGES WE FOUND FROM THE BOOK?

IF WE LOOK, MAYBE WE'LL KNOW WHAT THE PROMISE WAS...

...THEN MAYBE INSIDE THIS PENDANT THERE ARE RINGS WITH MY NAME AND SOMEONE ELSE'S...

THEY HID RINGS INSIDE THE PENDANT, WITH THEIR NAMES ON THEM...

W-WHAT DO YOU THINK ...?

AND SINCE HE WAS A PRO AND COULDN'T GET IT OUT, I'M NOT EXPECTING MUCH. BUT IT CAN'T HURT TO TRY...

...HE SAID THERE WAS SOME-THING INSIDE...

WHEN I HAD SHU'S GRAND-FATHER LOOK AT THE LOCK...

I MEAN ...

SURE.

WE WERE JUST KIDS, AND IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO...

I...I MEAN, WE TOTALLY DON'T HAVE TO!!

LET'S HAVE THEM TAKE A LOOK...

...AND YOUR PENDANT!

AT THIS KEY...

C 2

JING

HMM... THIS IS THE PENDANT, RIGHT?

YES...

防犯

合カギ

AND THIS IS THE KEY?

WELL... !

WELL, I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

I'D LIKE TO AVOID THAT IF POSSIBLE...

I HAD A LOCKSMITH LOOK AT IT BEFORE, AND HE SAID HE'D HAVE TO BREAK IT TO OPEN IT.

LOCK

Phew...

I'LL LOOK AT IT TODAY AND CALL YOU WHEN I'M DONE.

WRITE YOUR PHONE NUMBER HERE, PLEASE.

HMM... I'LL NEED THIS TOO.

WE... WE THINK SO... IT MIGHT NOT BE...

IF THIS PROVES ICHIJO AND I MADE THAT PROMISE TOGETHER, THEN...

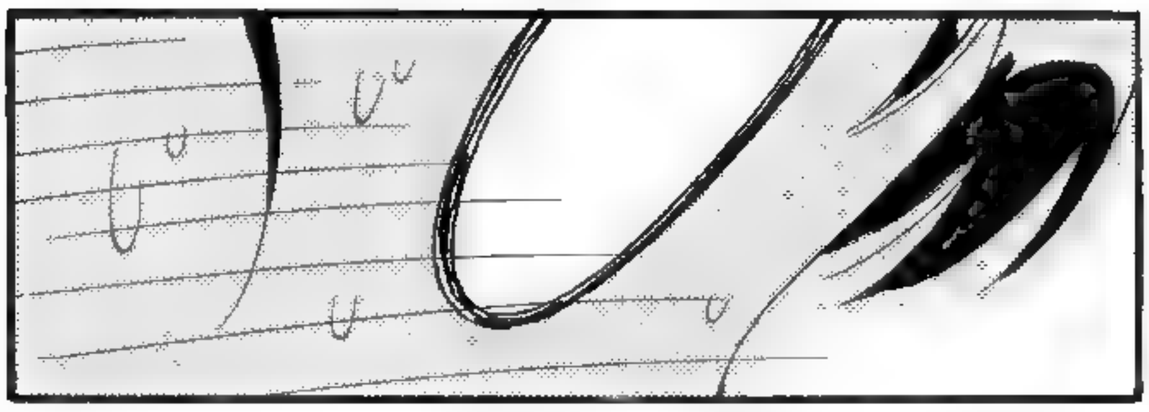
IF...

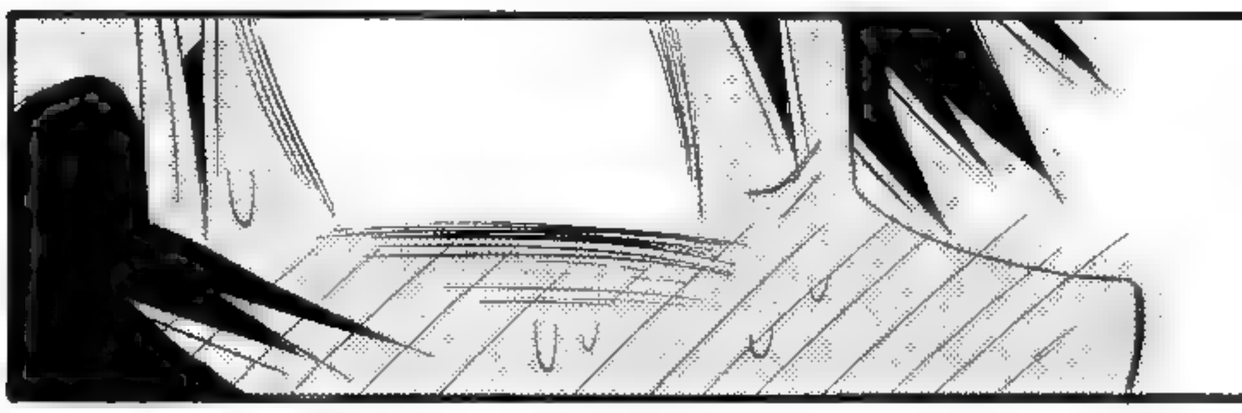
BUT IF ONODERA REALLY IS THE PROMISE GIRL...

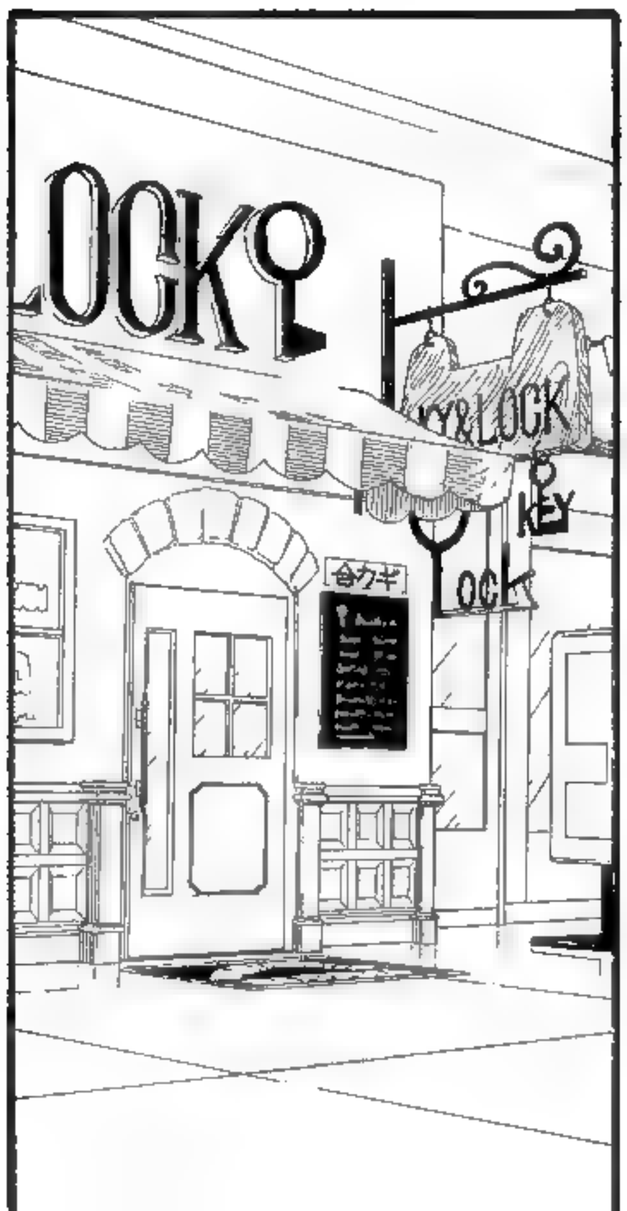
NO EXPECTATIONS... NO EXPECTATIONS...

...HOW I FEEL.

I'LL CONFESS...







BETTER HURRY... THE TRUCK COMES SOON!

Okay!!

I'll do it now!

DID YOU TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE, DEAR?

TAK TAK

THANKS, SWEETIE!

GRANDPA!! TIME FOR LUNCH!

?

KTUNK

RATTLE RATTLE

Don't touch those things, dearie!

Garbage

Garbage

But... isn't there anything a bit more clever I could say? If I do it?
If I go through with it, that is...
I...I like you... Will you go out with me?
If I do confess my feelings... what should I say?
Hmm...
BA-DMP
BA-DMP

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

sandwich

CHATTER

CHATTER

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ANY-WHERE'S FINE WITH ME.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ONO-DERA?

NOWHERE IN PAR-TICULAR...

IS THERE ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO, ICHIJO?

THERE'S A LOT OF TIME TO KILL BEFORE EIGHT...

OH, SORRY... I GUESS THAT DOESN'T MAKE THINGS EASIER, RIGHT?

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT TOO...

HMM...

Even though you know the truth...

HA HA HA! REALLY?

MOVIES, ARCADES... Y'KNOW, THIS IS KIND OF AN EMBARRASSING TOPIC...

WELL, SHE USUALLY HAS SOMEWHERE SHE WANTS TO GO.

WHEN YOU GO ON DATES WITH CHITOGE, WHAT KIND OF STUFF DO YOU DO?

GASP!

I'VE NEVER BEEN ON A DATE, SO I REALLY HAVE NO CLUE...

THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY TOUGH.

GEEZ... THERE'RE SO MANY CHOICES, IT'S HARD TO DECIDE.

Don't apolo-gize...

NO...

I'M SORRY! AFTER WHAT HARU SAID, I...

I MEAN... THIS ISN'T REALLY A DATE, RIGHT?!

OOPS! SORRY !!

GAH! ME AND MY BIG MOUTH...

That has such a sweet ring to it!

A DATE!

GOTTA CALM DOWN... STOP RACING, HEART!

NOW HE KNOWS HOW EXCITED I AM!!

WHY DID I GO AND BLURT THAT OUT!!

I'VE GOTTA MAKE SURE THIS GOES WELL!!

BUT I GET TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ONODERA... THAT'S SO AWESOME!!

HMM... I GUESS THIS ISN'T REALLY A DATE...

LET'S DO THAT!

OH! YEAH, GOOD IDEA!

THE MOVIE THEATER'S CLOSE TO HERE, SO SHOULD WE CHECK IT OUT?

WELL, NO POINT IN JUST SITTING HERE!

WHAT KIND OF MOVIES DO YOU LIKE, ONODERA?

SO MANY CHOICES...

ANYTHING THAT'S NOT SCARY...

MEOWSVILLE
Goes to New York

HEY LOOK! THERE'S ONE!

THAT SUITS YOU.

SEE?

I LIKE ANIMAL MOVIES...

Chitoge finds that funny...

AND YOU, ICHIJO?

BLUE CLIFF

MAN

OH!

OVER HERE!

WHO KNEW THEY MADE A SEQUEL?

THIS IS TOTALLY LIKE A DATE! HOW LUCKY CAN I GET?!

GAH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M WATCHING A MOVIE WITH ONODERA!

Meow-ser!

Where are you going?

SURE!

I LIKE ANIMALS TOO!

YOU'RE REALLY OKAY WITH THIS, ONODERA?

BUZZZ

OH! IT'S START-ING!

CHUNK

TWITCH

GEEZ.. I'M SO NERVOUS, I CAN'T FOLLOW THE STORY...

I HOPE ONO-DERA...

...IS HAVING FUN...

GLANCE

OUR EYES MET!!

WHSH

HE CAUGHT ME STARING!

OH GEEZ!

B-BMP

B-BMP

MAYBE...SHE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THIS MOVIE AFTER ALL?

WHY WAS SHE LOOKING AT ME?

B-BMP

B-BMP

SPARKLE

THIS IS A SEQUEL TO A MOVIE ONODERA HASN'T EVEN SEEN!!

WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

YIKES!

GLANCE

I WONDER IF SHE'S MAD...

He caught me?! He totally caught me!

TWICE?! THIS IS SO AWKWARD...

AUGH! IT HAPPENED AGAIN!!

Right... She was just trying to be nice...

AGAIN?!

...WHAT THAT MOVIE WAS ABOUT ...

I HAVE NO IDEA...

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CHATTER

CHATTER

PHEW...

DID YOU LIKE IT?

HOW WAS IT, ONODERA?

ER... UM...

AND YOU, ICHIJO?

THAT SCENE WITH THE EXPLOSION AT THE END WAS REALLY AWESOME...

Y-YEAH! IT WAS REALLY GREAT!

In an animal movie?!

THERE WAS AN EXPLO-SION?

EXPLO SION?!

SO... WHERE SHOULD WE GO NEXT?

HMM, YEAH... WHERE TO NEXT?

That was a total shot in the dark!

WONDER HOW MANY TONS OF EXPLOSIVES THEY USED!!

YEAH, THAT WAS TOTALLY AMAZING...

ER... RIGHT... THAT SCENE...

THERE REALLY WAS A SCENE WITH AN EXPLOSION?!

WHAT?!

BACK TO SQUARE ONE...

SILENCE

Take. imaue

GIFT SHOPS?

LET'S SEE...

I LIKE GIFT SHOPS AND STUFF...

YEAH.

AND I USUALLY GET SUCKED IN BY FURNITURE SHOPS TOO.

UH... WELL... WHERE DO YOU USUALLY LIKE TO GO IN A MALL, ONODERA?

!

ME?

YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

OKAY, LET'S GO!

BUT IT'S FUN JUST TO LOOK.

EVEN THOUGH I HARDLY EVER BUY THAT STUFF.

WOW!! THIS IS CUTE TOO!

WHOA... TOTALLY.

YOU'VE GOT A GOOD EYE, ONO-DERA!

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長七川

王将

玉将

EVEN THOUGH I PROBABLY WOULDN'T USE MOST OF IT...

MAN, IT MAKES ME WANT ALL THIS STUFF...

I KNOW, RIGHT?

NOT AT ALL!

I LIKE THIS KINDA STUFF TOO!

YOU'RE NOT BORED?

ARE YOU OKAY, ICHIJO?

OH!

...

SHE THINKS I HAVE AN OLD MAN'S TASTE...

PAH!

HEY, LOOK!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A CUP YOU WOULD USE, ICHIJO!

TEE HEE!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS LIKE TO TRY THESE.

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

She looks awesome!

CUTE!

SAY SOME-THING, PLEASE...

ER... UM...

WHOOOA!?

HOW...

...DO I LOOK?

GLANCE

BLREFI

ICHIJO!

OKAY, NOW YOU...

Interior Goods

WHY DOES IT FEEL SO AMAZING WHEN ONODERA LAUGHS?

...

HEE HEE HEE...

HEE HEE HEE...

...HARU AND I USED TO TRY TO FIND THE MOST COMFORTABLE CHAIR AND THE SOFTEST BED...

WHEN WE WERE KIDS, WHILE THE GROWN-UPS WERE SHOPPING...

YEAH?

SALE

HEE HEE...

PLUS WE GET TO TAKE A REST!

THIS FEELS GRRREAT!

WHOA...

寝具・ベッド

YEAH, IF I CAN.

YOU PLAN TO MOVE OUT ON YOUR OWN, ICHIJO?

I'LL NEED THIS STUFF WHEN I GET MY OWN PLACE...

WHOA... ONODERA'S REALLY EXCITED...

ICHIJO, YOU HAVE TO CHECK THIS OUT!! FEEL IT!!

OH MY, WHAT IS THIS? IT'S SOOOO SOFT!!

SQUISHA

This is nice...

!

SQUISH

!!

!

SQUISHA

SEE?! ISN'T IT AWESOME?! RIGHT?!

WOW! I'M SINKING!

LIKE THIS?

ROLL

HERE, TRY LYING ON IT!! YOU CAN REALLY FEEL THE DIFFERENCE!

WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT... WONDER WHAT IT'S MADE OF...?

Try it!

LYING DOWN?

GASP!

!

OH GEEEEZ... ONODERA'S TOOO CUUUUTE!!

Sorry... I forgot myself ...

OOPS... I TOTALLY GOT CARRIED AWAY...

ROLL

I WISH THIS COULD LAST FOREVER!

Where to next?

Let's do every-thing we can think of!

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO BE THIS HAPPY?!

SALE

NO WAY!!

IT'S SEVEN!

WE NEED TO BE AT THE FIR TREE BY EIGHT...

NOW WHAT ?

...

THAT WENT BY SO FAST!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER!

FOR REAL?!

ALREADY ?!

WHAAAT?

GASP!

I WISH... THERE WAS SOMETHING... I COULD DO FOR ONODERA...

I DON'T WANT THIS TO END!

AT EIGHT, WE GET THE STUFFED ANIMAL AND SAY GOODBYE?

RATS... OVER ALREADY?

...MAYBE I'LL GIVE IT TO HER...WHEN I TELL HER HOW I FEEL?

AND IF ONODERA TURNS OUT TO BE THE PROMISE GIRL...

CLENCH

THAT'S PERFECT!!

IT'S CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL!

I KNOW! A PRESENT!

DING!

THE TREE ONLY LIGHTS UP FOR FIVE MINUTES, SO WE DON'T WANT TO MISS IT...

BUT... DO WE HAVE TIME?

OH! RIGHT...

I WON'T BE LONG...

I WANT TO BUY SOME-THING FOR RYU AND THE GUYS...

SURE, NO PROB-LEM...

OH...

H-HEY... ONODERA...

MIND IF WE SPLIT UP FOR A LITTLE BIT?

HUH?

WE'LL WATCH THE TREE LIGHT UP TOGETHER!

LET'S MEET AT THE PLAZA WITH THE TREE RIGHT AT EIGHT!

OKAY, THEN...

IT'S NOT SUFFERING AT ALL...

NOPE.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH IT...

...BUT, IT'S FOR HARU AND ALL...

IT'LL BE KINDA AWKWARD 'CAUSE IT'LL BE ALL COUPLES...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

LET'S WATCH IT TOGETHER FOR SURE!

BYE!

OKAY, ONODERA... SEE YOU SOON!

RIGHT... FOR SURE!

sunset

HOPE I CAN FIND HER A REALLY SPECIAL GIFT!!

I'M GETTING SUPER EXCITED ABOUT THIS!!

WOW... SHE WANTS TO WATCH IT WITH ME!!

ONLY IF SHE TURNS OUT TO BE THE PROMISE GIRL...

OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW YET IF I'LL TELL HER...

ONLY IF...!

IF I CONFESS MY FEELINGS... JEWELRY MAYBE?

GEE... THIS IS TOUGH...

HMM... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET...

AUGH!! THE BAT-TERY'S DEAD?!

SSHHH

I DIDN'T NOTICE!

HE SAID HE'D FINISH BY THE END OF THE DAY...

HMM... STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE LOCKSMITH...

GLANCE

COME TO THINK OF IT, THE SHOP WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE.

GUESS I COULD JUST STOP BY...

BUT I CAN'T TELL IF THE LOCKSMITH CALLED...

I KNOW WHERE I'M MEETING ONODERA, SO THAT'S OKAY...

FREEZE

OH, GOOD! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!!

I HAVE BAD NEWS!

THE LOCKSMITH ...?

?

KEY

YOUNG MAN!

OVER HERE, YOUNG MAN!

YES...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO APOLO-GIZE...

THE PENDANT AND KEY ARE MISSING?!

WARLOCK

KEY

OCK

合カギ

THROWN OUT?! NO!!

IT SEEMS THEY MUST'VE BEEN THROWN OUT WITH THE TRASH...

I'VE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE SHOP, BUT THEY'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND...

SURE, BUT...

I'M AFRAID WITH THIS LEG, I CAN'T DO IT. AND MY ASSISTANT WENT HOME... I'M SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GO?

ALL OF THE TRASH IN THIS MALL GOES TO A CENTRAL COLLECTION SPOT. YOU CAN FIND IT THERE!

BUT THERE'S STILL TIME!

WHA—

THE TRASH GETS PICKED UP AT EIGHT!

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

I CALLED YOUR FRIEND, SO SHE'S ALREADY ON HER WAY.

EIGHT...?

BOOKMARKET

Chapter 167: Decison

NISEKOI
False Love

HERE'S A MAP OF THE CENTRAL GARBAGE AREA.

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THIS. PLEASE HURRY!

IN THE SCRAP-METAL AREA, THERE SHOULD BE A BAG WITH THE NAME OF MY SHOP ON IT.

YOUR PENDANT SHOULD BE IN IT!

GOT IT!

EIGHT O'CLOCK!

EIGHT O'CLOCK!

RIGHT NOW... IT'S 7:40...

ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, THE GARBAGE-COLLECTION AREA IS AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE MALL FROM THE FIR TREE.

IF I GO LOOKING FOR THE PENDANT, THERE'S NO WAY I'LL MAKE IT BACK IN TIME FOR THE TREE LIGHTING AT EIGHT.

RATS!

JUST WHEN I WAS FEELING LIKE I WAS FINALLY READY TO TELL ONODERA HOW I FEEL...

I COULD HARDLY ASK FOR A MORE PERFECT SITUATION!

PLUS, IT SEEMS ALMOST POSITIVE THAT ONODERA'S THE GIRL I MADE THE PROMISE WITH...

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LEGENDARY CHRISTMAS TREE FABLED TO BRING COUPLES TOGETHER!

I MEAN, IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!

THE IDEA TO CONFESS MY FEELINGS TODAY WAS JUST A SUDDEN WHIM...

OF COURSE, I'M A BIT RELIEVED TOO.

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES MY HEART RACE.

I REALLY FELT LIKE WE WERE GETTING CLOSER...

AND THE VIBE THIS AFTERNOON!

NOW IT'S ALL GOING DOWN THE DRAIN!

AAAAAAAH!

TAK

PLUS, THE LOCK-SMITH SAID...

...ONODERA'S ALREADY ON HER WAY THERE TOO...

I'M SORRY TO DISAPPOINT HARU, BUT IF I DON'T GO NOW, I MAY NEVER SEE MY PENDANT AGAIN.

ANYWAY, I'D BETTER HURRY UP IF I WANT THAT PENDANT BACK.

FLASH

HUH...

HUH...

ALL OF A SUDDEN...

...I GOT THIS STRANGE FEELING...

SKWEEK

WHAT WAS...

...THAT?

...IS GOING TO THE FIR TREE, NOT TO GET HER KEY.

...THAT ONODERA...

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!

NO WAY! WHAT AM I THINKING?!

THERE'S NO WAY SHE WOULD GO TO THE FIR TREE INSTEAD!

THE LOCKSMITH SAID HE CALLED ONODERA!

PENDANT ASIDE, I KNOW THAT KEY IS SPECIAL TO ONODERA! SHE WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE IT!

YEAH, WE PROMISED- WE'D MEET EACH OTHER THERE, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT NOW!

Xmas Sale

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW.

NO, DON'T BE...

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THIS.

...SO HE'S ON HIS WAY.

I NOTIFIED THE BOY ALSO...

BREEP

...WHERE HE'S GOING...

THAT MUST BE...

YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE ...

ICHIJO'S ON HIS WAY TO THE GARBAGE-COLLECTION AREA...

IF ONLY I COULD CALL ONODERA...

WHAT A TIME FOR MY BATTERY TO BE DEAD!

GAH!

BUT FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T LET GO OF THE POSSIBILITY...

THERE'S NO WAY ONODERA WOULD GO TO THE FIR TREE!

EITHER WAY, THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS.

AND ONODERA SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...

I WANTED TO WATCH THE TREE LIGHT UP WITH HER.

SO NOW I HAVE THAT IDEA STUCK IN MY HEAD.

I THINK...

CLENCH

...IT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING.

RAKU...

IF I GET THE PENDANT BACK, I MIGHT FIND OUT FOR SURE.

THAT GIRL MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONODERA.

COULD I REALLY SACRIFICE MY PENDANT JUST FOR SOME WILD FANTASY?!

IT'S THE TOKEN OF THE PROMISE I MADE WITH THAT GIRL TEN YEARS AGO...

BOMP

...ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE YOUR HEART TO THAT PERSON?

WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHO YOU MADE THE PROMISE WITH...

THAT'S JUST...

...WISHFUL THINKING.

THERE'S NO WAY ICHIJO WOULD COME TO THE FIR TREE NOW.

...WRONG WITH ME?

WHAT'S ...

CLENCH

IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT I GET HIS PENDANT BACK FOR HIM!

IF ICHIJO REALLY IS WAITING FOR ME AT THE FIR TREE...

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...

...HOW IMPORTANT THAT PENDANT IS TO ICHIJO.

BESIDES, I KNOW FULL WELL...

Restrooms

EITHER WAY, THE PLACE I NEED TO GO TO IS...

SO...

I CAN'T LET ICHIJO LOSE THAT PENDANT. IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO HIM!

ARGH!

BUT DOES THAT MEAN I SHOULD STAKE EVERYTHING ON SUCH A SLIM POSSIBILITY?!

AFTER ALL, ONODERA DOESN'T KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER!

NO MATTER WHO I MADE THAT PROMISE WITH, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE HOW I FEEL NOW.

ONODERA IS THE ONE I LOVE NOW.

I REALIZED SOMETHING THAT DAY.

RIGHT...

...VERSUS THE CASUAL LITTLE PROMISE WE MADE JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO...

THE SUPER-IMPORTANT PROMISE I MADE TEN YEARS AGO...

LET'S WATCH IT TOGETHER FOR SURE!

I'M LOOKING FOR-WARD TO IT.

WHICH ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT?

BUT STILL...

I KNOW THERE'S NO WAY ONODERA'S WAITING FOR ME AT THE TREE...

...THIS IS THE DECISION I WANT TO MAKE.

RATS...

SKWEEZ

WHAT CAN I DO?

I WON'T REGRET THIS!

I HAVE TO GO.

THERE'S NO TIME.

...IS ON HIS WAY TOO.

Xmas Sale

I'M SURE ICHIJO...

CHATTER CHATTER

CHATTER CHATTER

WHAT A CROWD!

HAHH...

WOW...

GLANCE

ONO-DERA...

LIKE I FIGURED, IT'S ALL COUPLES.

EXACTLY THE TIME I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ONODERA.

IT'S ALMOST EIGHT.

IF SHE IS HERE...

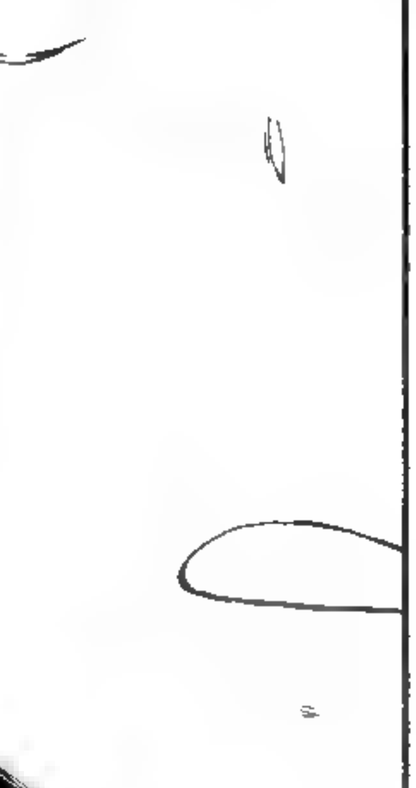
...I'LL...

BUT IF, JUST IF...

IT STANDS TO REASON...IF SHE REALLY WERE HERE, THAT WOULD BE BIZARRE.

I DIDN'T EXPECT HER TO BE HERE.

I KNOW.



OF COURSE.

RIGHT.

WHEN YOU STAND TO LOSE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU, THE NORMAL THING IS TO GO AFTER IT.

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR HER TO BE HERE.

SHF

KEY& LOCK&

Scrap me

I SHOULD'VE GONE TO HELP HER INSTEAD OF COMING HERE...

NOW I FEEL BAD.

I WONDER IF ONO-DERA...

...MANAGED TO GET HER KEY BACK.

IF ONODERA KNOWS I WAS WAITING HERE, SHE'LL FEEL BAD...

That's the feeling I get...

OH!

HOW WILL I EXPLAIN WHY I DIDN'T GO TO THE GARBAGE-COLLECTION AREA?

IF I'M NOWHERE NEAR THE GARBAGE AREA, SHE'LL WONDER...

I GUESS I SHOULD GO.

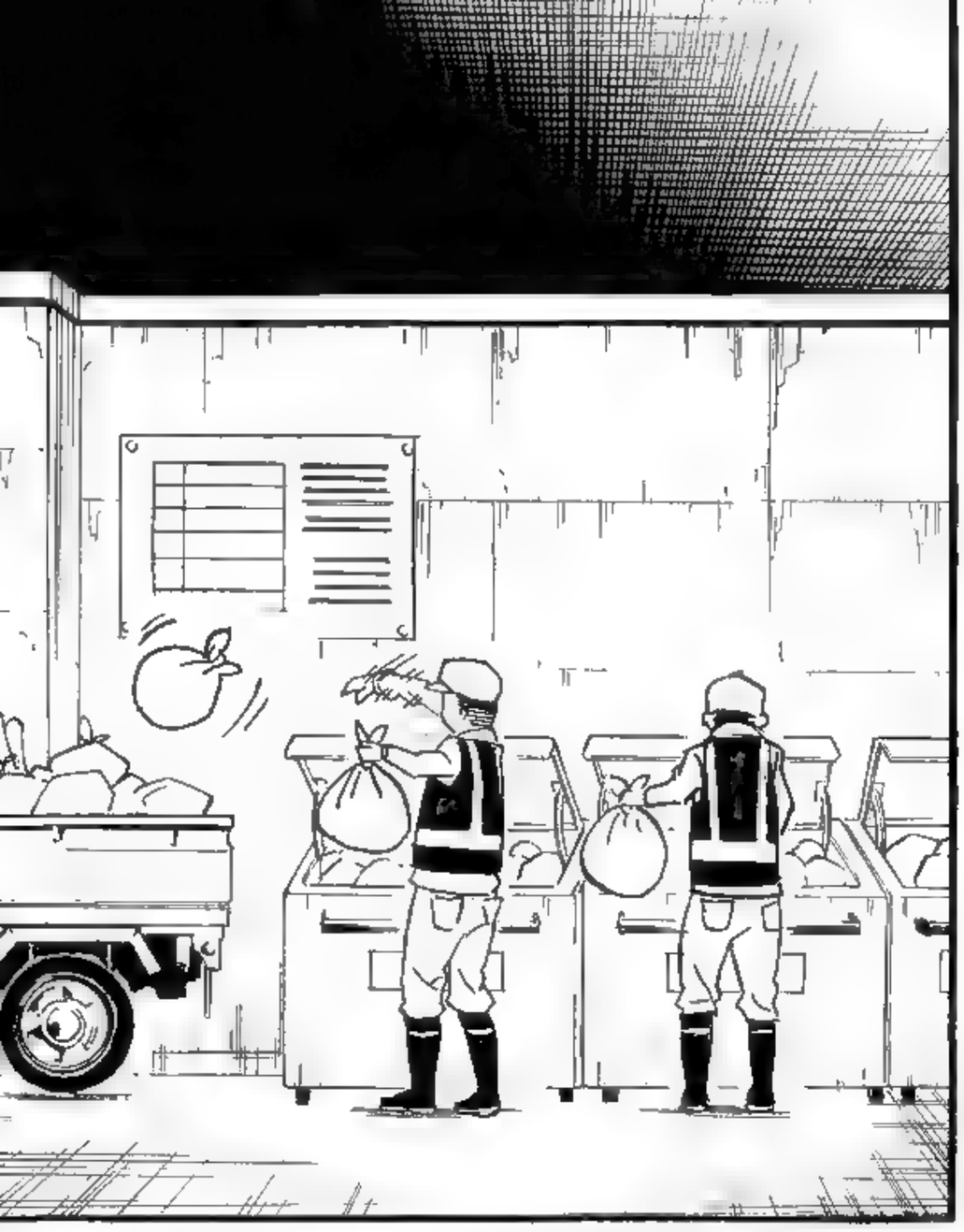
WHSH

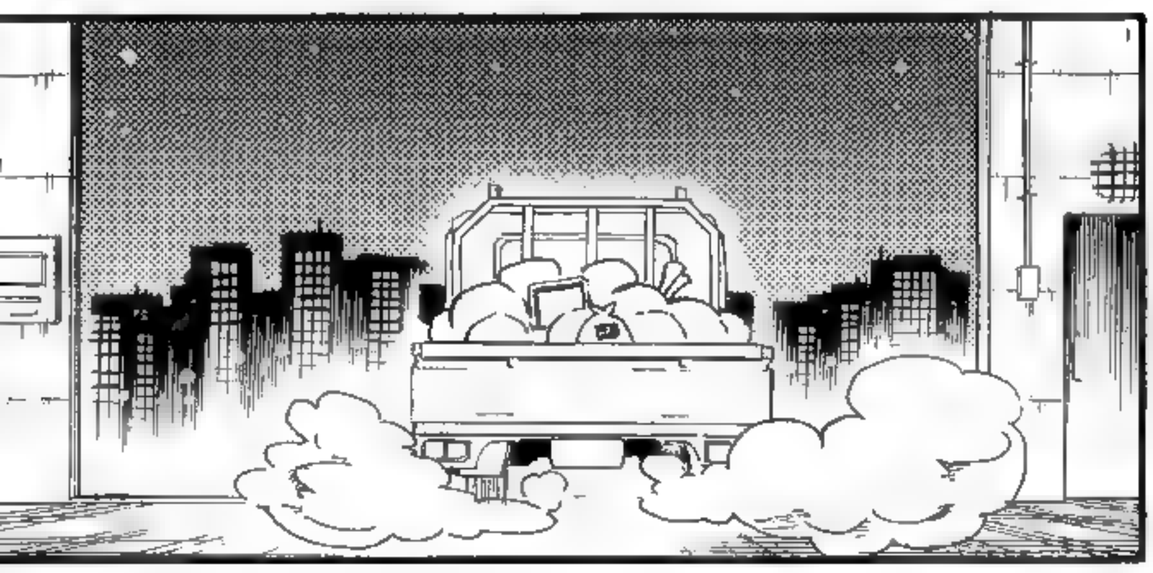
AAAH! WHY DID I COME HERE?

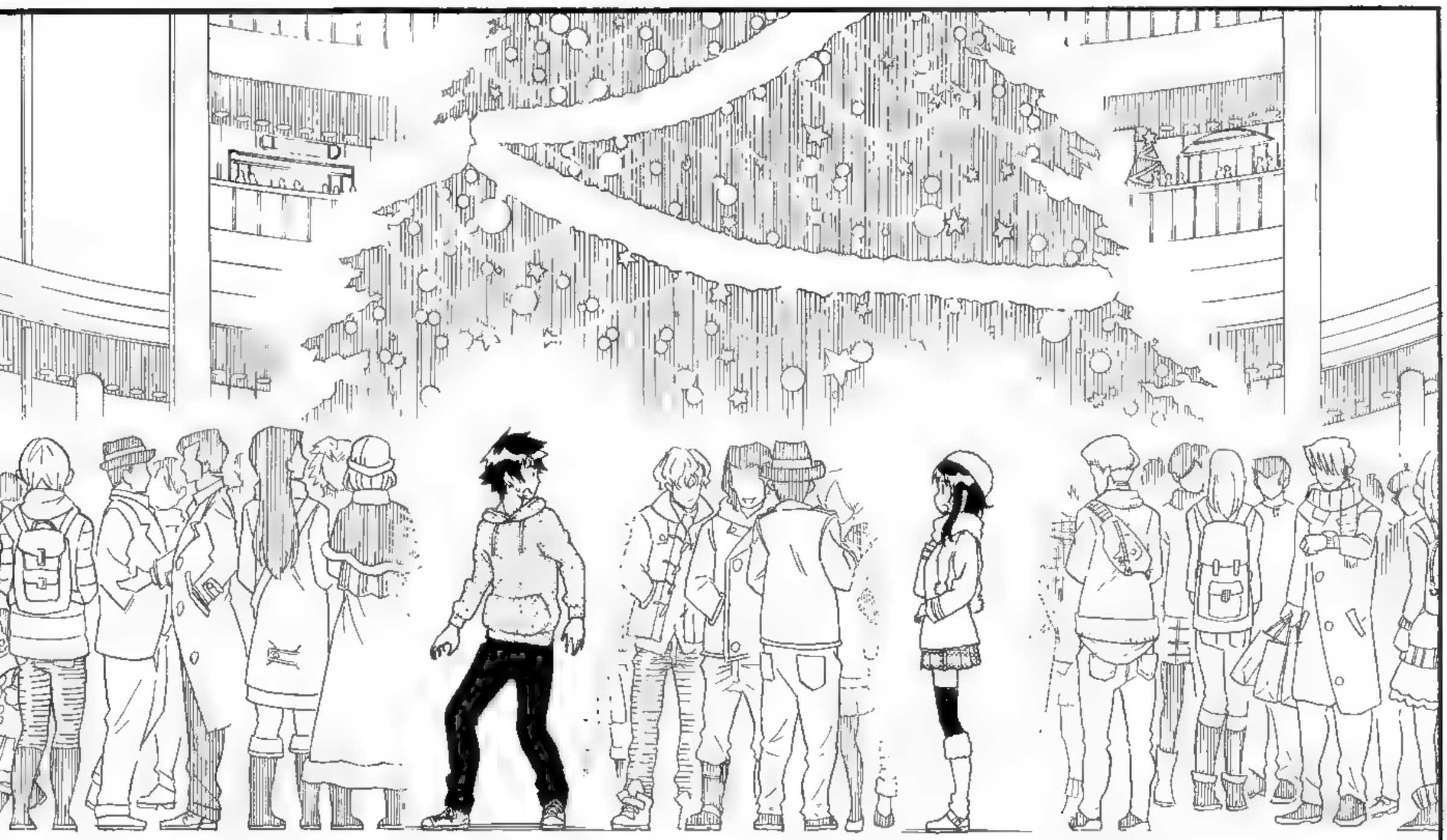
I CAN TELL HER I GOT LOST...

EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

Did they make it in time?
PACE
PACE







Chapter 168: Connection

ICHIJO!

ONO-
DERA!

WHY
?!

WHY
?!

WELL...

...

I THOUGHT THE LOCKSMITH CALLED YOU...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ONODERA?

...TO WATCH THE TREE LIGHT UP TOGETHER, RIGHT?

I MEAN ...

WE PROMISED...

...AND SHE CHOSE TO BE HERE...

ONODERA HAD THE SAME THOUGHT AS ME...

IT'S A MIRACLE!

B-BMP

...COME HERE?

...DID YOU...

WHY...

I MEAN, THAT KEY WAS IMPORTANT TO YOU!

BUT...YOU REALLY DON'T MIND...?!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ICHIJO?

I...

I...

...

THE TRUTH IS...

I LO...

FWA HHH

FWAAAAH

OOOH

OOO

OOH

...THE TREE LIGHTING! IT'S...

WH... WHOA!

AAAA

...

YEAH...

...

SO BEAUTI-FUL!!

OH, ISN'T THAT THE STUFFED ANIMAL HARU WANTED?

YEAH!

WE HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT TODAY JUST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE RIGHT NOW—A LIMITED-EDITION PLUSH TOY!

PLEASE LINE UP HERE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

WELL...

OH... UH...

HUH?

YOU WERE SAYING?

SO...

NO WORRIES ...

SORRY.

BRRRRING

BRRRRING

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS...

合カギ

WHAT?!

HELLO? YES, THIS IS THE LOCKSMITH...

I FOUND THE PENDANT AND KEY!!

I'M SO SORRY THIS HAPPENED.

I'M AFRAID MY LITTLE GRAND-DAUGHTER TOOK A SHINE TO THEM AND TOOK THEM HOME...

MY SON AND HIS WIFE JUST BROUGHT THEM BACK, SO I HAVE THEM HERE.

IT'S SUPER CROWDED, SO WE'LL HAFTA BE CAREFUL NOT TO LOSE EACH OTHER.

GUESS WE SHOULD HURRY AND PICK THEM UP...

YEAH.

HA HA... NO WAY...

Good news!

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT!

Yeah, that's great...

PLIP

HUH...?

TUG

!

SO... YOU KNOW...

SINCE YOUR PHONE'S DEAD AND ALL...

YOU KNOW... SO WE DON'T GET SEPARATED...

LP!

LET'S GO!

OKAY...

YEAH...

...

SHUPP

!

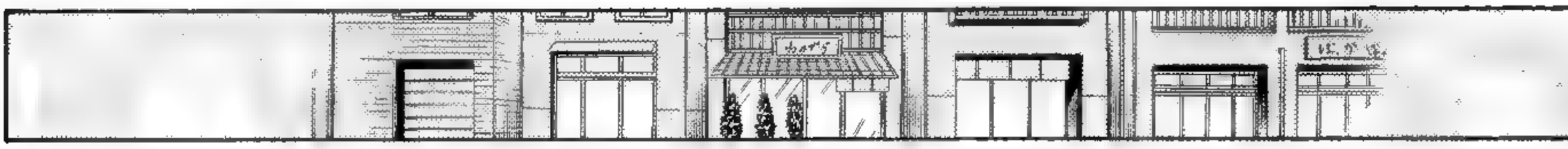
I'LL NEVER FORGET...

THERE WAS DEFINITELY...

...SOME KIND OF CONNECTION BETWEEN ONODERA AND ME...

I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS CHRISTMAS EVE...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...



HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

かーわ餅

I'M HOME, HARU!

EH HEH HEH...

OKAY... WHAT'S WITH THE GOOFY GRIN, SIS?!

I MEAN, THAT WAS THE IDEA... BUT...FOR REAL?!

SERI-OUSLY?!

HUH?!

?!

WELL, ACTU-ALLY...

TEE HEE HEE ...

DON'T TELL ME SOMETHING FINALLY HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND ICHIJO?

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

Here's the stuffed animal you wanted!

SO PURE!!

TEEHEE HEE HEE HEE

WE HELD HANDS!

AW, YOU SOUND JUST LIKE RURI!

IF YOU NEVER GET YOUR NERVE UP...

SO...YOU STILL DIDN'T TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL, HUH?

GIMME A BREAK !!

YOU'RE NOT IN GRADE SCHOOL, SIS!

I'm confused!!

Hee hee hee ...

HUH?! BESIDES, I DON'T GET IT... HOW DID THAT EVEN HAPPEN?!

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

OH... BY THE WAY, HARU...

WHAT, THAT AGAIN?

YOU'RE KINDA WEIRD ABOUT THIS BOOK, SIS.

I LOOKED, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE ENDING...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST?

THIS...

THE PAGES WE FOUND YESTERDAY, FROM THAT OLD STORYBOOK ...

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OTHER PAGES.

I THINK THIS WAS ALL OF IT.

HMM...

HUH?

AT LEAST, WHEN I READ THE BOOK AS A KID, THE END WAS ALREADY MISSING.

I REMEMBER IT CLEARLY!

WHAT?

OH...

IF THERE IS AN END, I'D LIKE TO READ IT.

I WONDERED ABOUT IT BACK THEN TOO.

BUT I JUST ALWAYS ENJOYED MAKING UP MY OWN ENDING.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, GIRLS?

OH... HI, MOM...

THEN...

WAS IT ALREADY MISSING WHEN I BROUGHT THE BOOK TO HIM?

HMM... THEN WHERE DID THE END GO?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE LAST PAGE...

WELL, WELL! THIS CERTAINLY BRINGS BACK MEMORIES!

HMM... I WOULDN'T KNOW...

HMM?

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS PICTURE BOOK, MOM?

HEY...

IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE'S...

WELL...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SOMEONE GAVE IT TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

LET'S SEE... WHO WAS IT?

I DIDN'T BUY THAT BOOK FOR YOU.

HUH?

THEN... THAT MEANS...

SOMEONE... GAVE IT TO ME?

I CAN'T REMEMBER.

WAIT...

HMM...

CHATTER

CHATTER

...I URGE YOU TO CONDUCT YOURSELVES WITH THE DECORUM BEFITTING STUDENTS OF OUR HONORABLE INSTITUTION...

AND NOW, STUDENTS, AS WE ENTER WINTER VACATION ...

RIGHT...

BUT SINCE SOMEONE GAVE HER THE BOOK, WE STILL DON'T KNOW?

...FOR A WHILE, IT SEEMED LIKE KOSAKI WAS THE GIRL YOU MADE THE PROMISE WITH...

SO... YOU MEAN...

THE TIMING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE, YOU KNOW?

WHEN DID YOUR MOM SAY SOMEONE GAVE IT TO YOU?

WHEN?!

WELL...

SINCE IT'S GOT YOUR HANDWRITING IN IT.

ANYWAY, WE KNOW THAT THE BOOK BELONGED TO THE GIRL YOU MADE THE PROMISE WITH, ICHIJO.

BUT...

YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S ALL WE KNOW.

...

IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO...

SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER.

AUGH!! SO BACK TO SQUARE ONE?!

I THOUGHT WE WERE FINALLY GETTING SOMEWHERE!!

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT ONODERA WAS THE ONE!

GAH!! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE!!

AT LEAST I STILL HAVE A SMALL CHANCE...

THAT'S A BIT OF A RELIEF!!

PHEEEEW!!

...?

...

THE BOOK WAS A GIFT...?

N-N-N-N-NOTHING ...!!

N-NOTHING AT ALL!

WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO YESTER-DAY?

HOW DID YOU END UP GIVING THE LOCKSMITH KOSAKI'S KEY AND YOUR LOCK TOGETHER?

STARE

SO...

WHAT ABOUT THE PENDANT AND THE KEY?

NO LUCK WITH THAT EITHER.

SAME AS BEFORE. THE LOCKSMITH CAN'T OPEN THE LOCK WITHOUT BREAKING IT.

Oh, okay.

...NO MATTER WHO THE PROMISE GIRL TURNS OUT TO BE!

WELL, ANYWAY, I KNOW FOR SURE NOW THAT MY FEELINGS FOR ONODERA WON'T CHANGE...

ONODERA'S THE ONE I LOVE!

GRR...

GLOW

?

B-BMP

GRIN

I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT!

WHEN I TRIED TO DROP IN ON RAKU DEAREST YESTERDAY, HE WASN'T HOME...

DON'T TELL ME SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM YESTERDAY!

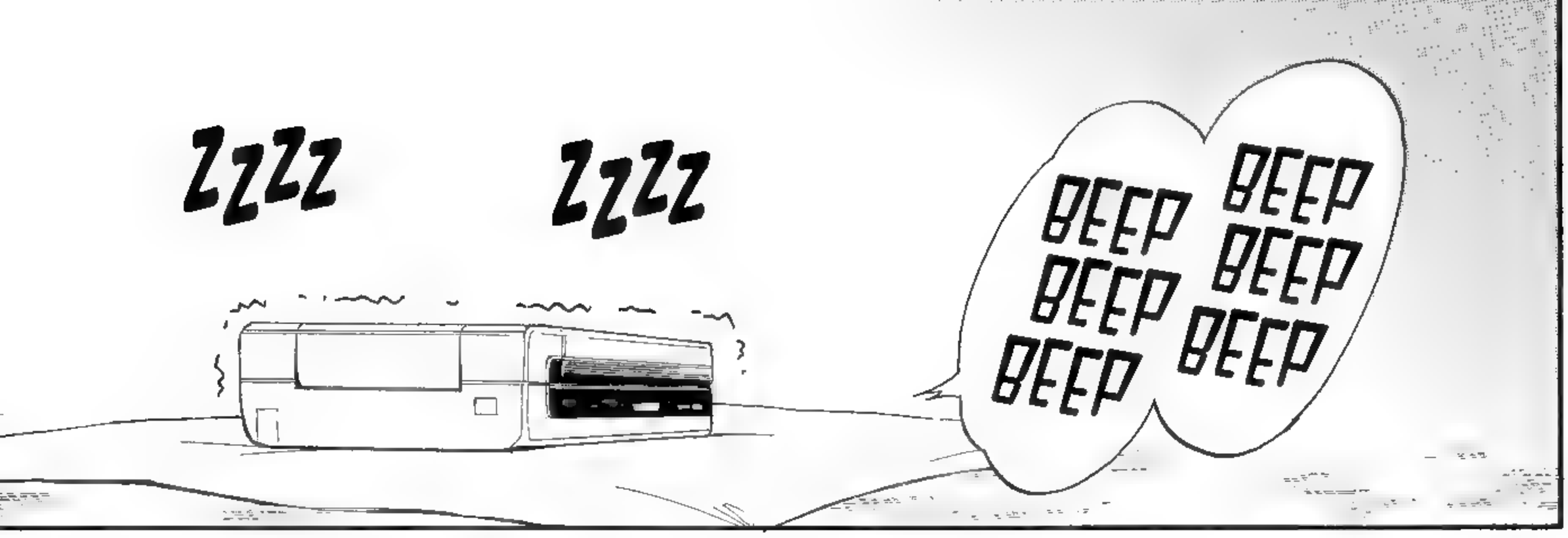
I DON'T LIKE THE VIBE I'M GETTING FROM THOSE TWO...

TIME TO PULL OUT THE BIG GUNS!

WELL, IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...

TEE HEE

What's wrong with me?!
Wait, I shouldn't be relieved!
Whew!



Chapter 169: Vacation

WH...

WHA...

SH-SHLOOSH

HUH...

AM I STILL DREAMING?

W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

I REMEMBER GOING TO SLEEP LIKE NORMAL LAST NIGHT...

????

DID YOU SLEEP WELL, RAKU DEAREST?

WELL, WELL!

WHERE AM I?!

GOOD MORNING, RAKU DEAREST!

AS ALWAYS, YOU LOOKED ABSOLUTELY RAVISHING ASLEEP! ♡

TEE HEE♡

YES! ♡

D-DON'T TELL ME YOU BROUGHT...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

T-TACHIBANA ...?

...GOT CARRIED AWAY AND KIDNAPPED YOU, RAKU DEAREST! ♡

I JUST ...

BLUSH♡

VWSH

ZZZZ

ZZZZ

HUSH

LAST NIGHT, DECEMBER 30, 11:00 P.M.

GOOD NIGHT, YOUNG MASTER!

GOOD NIGHT!

BRRRM

HUP, TWO

HUP, TWO

AND, HUP...

POLICE

AND, HUP...

WHMP

VWSHH

WHAT THE...! YOU WHAT?!

AND I DIDN'T EVEN WAKE UP!!

YOU GET THE IDEA.

Surprised?

Um, hello?!

IT'S STILL NOT ALLOWED!!

YES. MY FATHER IS A POLICE OFFICER, BUT I AM NOT.

YOUR DAD'S THE CHIEF OF POLICE!!

KID-NAPPING IS AN OUTRIGHT CRIME, YOU KNOW!!

STILL... WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!

A GUY REALLY HAS TO BE ON HIS GUARD WITH THIS GIRL...

YEESH... I DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING...

GRIN

HOW DID ALL THOSE COPS SNEAK INTO A YAKUZA STRONGHOLD?

MY FATHER?!

What was he thinking?!

OH, DADDY GOT YOUR FATHER'S PERMISSION BEFOREHAND.

It hasn't really sunk in...

UM, I'M AT A TOTAL LOSS, BUT WHATEVER...

I JUST LOVE HOW CALM AND COLLECTED YOU ARE IN THE FACE OF THE UNEXPECTED!

AH! VERY ASTUTE QUESTIONS, RAKU DEAREST!

SO...WHY DID YOU DO THIS?

AND WHERE ARE WE?

IT'S ONE OF THE PRIVATE ISLANDS MY FAMILY OWNS.

WE'RE ON AN ISLAND IN THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI, JUST BELOW THE EQUATOR IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

We're over-seas?!

K-KIRIBATI ?!

THE FIRST PLACE TO GREET THE NEW YEAR!

THE MYSTERIES OF KIRIBATI!

kiribati

THE PLACE WHERE IT MAKES A LITTLE DIVOT, THAT'S KIRIBATI!

HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE, RAKU DEAREST?

HERE

Oh... Right...

TH... THAT'S WHY?!

AND I THOUGHT WE COULD ENJOY A LITTLE GETAWAY AT THE SAME TIME, SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE!

I WANTED TO WITNESS THE FIRST SUNRISE OF THE YEAR WITH YOU, MY DARLING RAKU, BEFORE ANYONE ELSE ON THE PLANET!

OH, SO ROMANTIC!

WELL, I'M SURPRISED!!

I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU.

YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST CHECKED WITH ME FIRST!!

I CAN'T DO THIS!!

ARE YOU NUTS?!

ALL THE MORE REASON NOT TO LET YOU GO!

IS THAT SO?

TODAY'S NEW YEAR'S EVE. CHITOGE'S COMING OVER...

ANYWAY, THIS ISN'T COOL. TAKE ME HOME!

Hmph!

COME NOW, DEAR... THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST GIVE IN AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!

...

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...

WHAT ?!

IN ANY CASE, THE PLANE WON'T RETURN UNTIL TOMORROW.

DON'T WORRY... I BROUGHT A BAG FOR YOU. YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

SIIIIGH...

GLANCE

...YOU ARE...

ER...

...ANGRY?

EEK!

YOU BROUGHT ME TO THIS RESORT... ONLY A JERK WOULD SPEND THE WHOLE TIME COMPLAINING.

I'll apologize to Chitoge later.

AFTER ALL, THE OCEAN IS AWFULLY BEAUTIFUL.

LET'S JUST HAVE A NICE TIME TODAY.

FINE.

SHOOP

JOLT!

WOOSH

I LOVE THAT ABOUT YOU, RAKU DEAREST!

PHEW ...

I GUESS I LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE.

WORMPL

How did you know?

WORMP

YOU DODGED ME, RAKU DEAREST...

WOW!
IT'S LIKE A RESORT HOTEL!
YOUR FAMILY REALLY OWNS THIS PLACE, TACHIBANA?
YES!
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME, RAKU DEAREST!
♡

NOW, WHERE SHALL WE BEGIN?
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF THINGS TO ENJOY HERE!
LIKE WHAT?

I'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU'RE HAVING FUN, SO CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU LIKE!

AND I KNOW YOU LOVE FISHING, RAKU DEAREST...

THERE'S A SPA, TOO, WITH EXCELLENT MASSAGES!

AND SNORKELING AND SCUBA DIVING...

SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN, OF COURSE...

WELL...

HMM...

WHAT?!

HOMEWORK, I GUESS.

I'M GOING ALONG WITH YOUR THING HERE, SO YOU CAN GO ALONG WITH MINE.

BUT I WANTED TO GET MY HOMEWORK DONE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

NGH...

AFTER THAT, WE CAN RELAX!

WE'RE ON A TROPICAL ISLAND RESORT, MY LOVE!!

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE?!

HOME-WORK?!

You're so serious!

DON'T YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN?

I SAID I WANTED TO HAVE FUN...

I'LL HELP YOU. COME ON, LET'S DO THIS.

LOOK ME IN THE EYE.

ULP

I BET YOU HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED.

DING

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

I GUESS IF I GET TO DO HOMEWORK WITH YOU, IT'S NOT SO BAD.

WELL, ALL RIGHT.

AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE MAKING DEMANDS NOW!

I... I CAN'T DO THAT!

IT'LL MAKE ME REALLY MOTIVATED TO DO HOMEWORK!

OH, COME ON!

...WILL YOU RUB SUN OIL ON ME AFTERWARDS?

IF I DO A GOOD JOB..

HUUUH ?!

SUN OIL

ONLY IF YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!

Given the natural number n, a_n is the first position of 3^n.

(1) Given the above, for all natural numbers,
an + A = an
Find all possible values for A greater than or equal to 1.

IF YOU CAN'T SOLVE IT, YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I SAY TODAY...

BAM

FINE. I'LL DO IT.

HOW-EVER...

KA A 4 BOOM

YEAH!!

SHE SOLVED IT?!

I'VE BEEN REALLY STUDYING HARD SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU HELPED ME, RAKU DEAREST!!

WA HA HA HA HA HA!

It took me forever to solve this yesterday!

NO OFFENSE... BUT YOU'RE USUALLY SUCH A DUNCE...

W-W-W-WHA-?!

If you want to go to the same university as Raku...

...you'll have to work harder.

WHAT?! THE SAME UNIVERSITY?

IF I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS YOU, I'LL NEED GOOD GRADES!

A HARD WORKER LIKE ME DOESN'T OVERLOOK A THING!

NOT AT ALL, DARLING...

NO.

Sun oil! Sun oil! Yeah! Yeah!

Sun oil!...

I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING YOUR SCHOOLWORK, BUT YOU SHOULD REALLY THINK MORE SERIOUSLY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!

HEY NOW... JUST A MINUTE!

ONE DAY YOU'LL REGRET...

I CAN SAY WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE...

GRIN

I WON'T HAVE REGRETS.

B-BMP

OH! I'LL GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK!

LET'S GET OUR HOMEWORK DONE SO WE CAN HAVE FUN!

NOW!

...THAT NOBODY HAS THOUGHT MORE SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE FUTURE THAN I HAVE.

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

YEESH!

SHE'S SO PUSHY...

SHE

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Hmm...

SO WHEN I CHOOSE A SCHOOL, I'M CHOOSING FOR US BOTH?

THEN AGAIN, I DO WORRY.

SO MAYBE IT WOULDN'T CHANGE MUCH...

BUT...SHE THINKS I'M DATING CHITOGE NOW...AND SHE'S STILL LIKE THIS...

Hmm...

...IF I WOUND UP DATING ONODERA, WHAT WOULD MARIKA DO?

WHAT IF...ONE DAY...SAY, FOR EXAMPLE...

Hmm...

MY NAME IS HONDA. I TEND TO MISTRESS MARIKA'S EVERYDAY NEEDS.

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE INTRODUCED MYSELF PROPERLY.

Ah... Right...

OH! ER, YOU'RE, UM...

YIKES !!

GOOD DAY, SIR.

JOLT

Gotta go with the flow, I guess...

OH, WELL... SURE...

I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS TOWARDS THE YOUNG MISTRESS.

AND THANK YOU FOR INDULGING HER UNCONVENTIONAL INITIATIVES ON THIS OCCASION.

MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

MR. ICHIJO...

TACHIBANA IS A REAL HANDFUL.

YOU MUST HAVE IT PRETTY TOUGH, HONDA.

THIS IS MY JOB.

...

HOW DO YOU MEAN?

HUH?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MISTRESS TACHIBANA?

MR. ICHIJO...

AS A WOMAN, OF COURSE.

BLRFF!

IF YOU HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR MISTRESS TACHIBANA AT ALL...

OF COURSE, I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND I CARE ABOUT DEEPLY...

W-W-WELL... SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, OF COURSE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT SHE LIKES ME...

UH... W-WHAT?!

A-A-AS A WOMAN...?!

?!

...PLEASE DON'T WASTE ANY TIME.

MISTRESS TACHIBANA...

Sun oil!

Sun oil!

...DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

WHAT?

Or green tea or camellia... So many choices! ♡
Raku likes Japanese things... so perhaps cherry blossom?
What scented oil should I choose? ♡

KSHAAA

Chapter 170: Survival

SHLFF

IT'S SO MUCH CLEARER THAN THE OCEAN IN JAPAN...

WOW! THE OCEAN SURE IS BEAUTIFUL.

IT'S LIKE WE'RE FLOATING THROUGH THE SKY!

WHY A ROWBOAT THOUGH?

THIS ARCHIPELAGO INCLUDES SEVERAL UNINHABITED ISLANDS. IT'S FUN TO BE SOMEWHERE TOTALLY PRISTINE...

IT'S MORE ROMANTIC THIS WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

RIGHT... WELL... I GUESS A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.

I STUDIED HARD, AND I SOLVED THAT MATH PROBLEM!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, RAKU DEAREST, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE SUN OIL, HAVE YOU?

SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT...

MISTRESS TACHIBANA DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

HMM... CAN'T HELP WONDERING ABOUT WHAT MS. HONDA SAID...

WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT IN SOME KINDA CURRENT OR SOMETHING?

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? I'VE NEVER ROWED A BOAT BEFORE.

UNLESS THE BOAT SUDDENLY SINKS ON US, NOTHING CAN HAPPEN.

DON'T WORRY. THE OCEAN IN THIS AREA IS QUITE CALM.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN TODAY, RAKU DEAREST!

THERE'S A GREAT FISHING SPOT AT THE ISLAND WE'RE GOING TO.

SOUNDS GOOD, BUT...

GLUBBA GLUB GLUB GLUBBA

GLUB GLUB

GLUB GLUB

GLUB

SHLOOSH

GLUBBA

WHAT?

RAKU'S NOT HERE?

集英組

WE HAVE PREPARED A LOVELY MEAL, SO WE DO HOPE YOU'LL STAY...

AS YOUR HOSTS, WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE INCON-VENIENCE.

THANK YOU. DON'T MIND IF I DO!

HMPH!

...HE WAS ABDUCTED TO A TROPICAL ISLAND?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

I'M VERY SORRY.

THE BOSS SAID TO LET THEM TAKE HIM...

HOPE RAKU'S OKAY...

GOOD GRIEF. THAT MARIKA IS SO OUT OF CONTROL...

Coming right up, miss!

HAA

HAA

SHA—SHAAA

IT CERTAINLY DID.

I guess it wasn't well maintained...

IT ACTUALLY SANK!!

YES. AT LEAST WE'RE OKAY.

No joke!!

THAT COULD'VE BEEN REALLY BAD...

THANK GOODNESS THE WATER WAS JUST SHALLOW ENOUGH FOR US TO STAND!

IT SEEMS LIKE A FAIRLY BIG ONE TOO...

IT APPEARS TO BE.

SO THIS IS ONE OF THE UNINHABITED ISLANDS?

HEY, TACHI-BANA..

...

YES, RAKU DEAREST ...

THE WALKIE-TALKIE I BROUGHT SANK. IT WASN'T WATERPROOF.

ONE SET OF FISHING GEAR AND ONE BOTTLE OF WATER, BUT NO FOOD.

THIS IS ALL THE STUFF I MANAGED TO RESCUE...

I DO BELIEVE IT DOES, RAKU DEAREST! ♡

DOES THIS MEAN... WE'RE STRANDED?

PLEASE CALM DOWN, RAKU DEAREST.

THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS !!

FIRST I'M KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO A TROPICAL ISLAND. AND NOW WE'RE STRANDED?!

FOR REAL?!

IT COULD TAKE A WHILE, NO?

YEAH, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ISLANDS, RIGHT?

THAT'S TRUE... YOU HAVE A POINT.

SOMEONE'S BOUND TO RESCUE US SOON.

WE MAY BE STRANDED, BUT THERE ARE INHABITED ISLANDS NEARBY, NOT TO MENTION MS. HONDA.

WHAT SORT OF CRAZY PERSON WOULD PLAN TO BE STRANDED ALONE WITH HER BELOVED ON AN UNINHABITED ISLAND!

WHY, RAKU DEAREST!

...OR IS IT?

THIS ISN'T ALL PART OF YOUR MASTER PLAN OR SOMETHING...

JUST TO MAKE SURE...

I'M ONLY ASKING BECAUSE I KNOW OF SUCH A CRAZY PERSON, AND SHE'S RIGHT HERE...

The kind that abducts people...

KYA! ♡

You say that so shamelessly...

HOW ABOUT YOU JUST LAY OFF THE SCHEMES?

I MAY SEEM CAPRICIOUS AT TIMES, BUT I WOULD NEVER DEVISE A SCHEME THAT WOULD PUT YOU IN DANGER, RAKU DEAREST!

IN ANY CASE...

...I CERTAINLY DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THE BOAT SINKING.

GASP

WE REALLY NEED TO THINK ABOUT OUR SURVIVAL HERE.

THEY MIGHT NOT FIND US TODAY, AND IF THE WEATHER GETS BAD, IT MIGHT TAKE EVEN LONGER.

IN THAT CASE, WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

GOOD THINK-ING.

YOU'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.

That was the whole point of kidnapping you!

WAIT!! WHAT ABOUT THE FIRST SUNRISE OF THE YEAR?!

I ARRANGED A PRIVATE LOUNGE FOR US TO VIEW IT!!

SOS

SH-SHAAA

IF WE SURVIVE. SURE.

I SUPPOSE THAT COULD BE NICE TOO...

I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WATCH IT TOGETHER HERE.

AND I KNOW WHICH ONES ARE EDIBLE.

THEY'RE A STAPLE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AROUND HERE.

I CAN HELP WITH THAT.

THAT'S GREAT.

THEY CERTAINLY ARE.

WE HAVE FISHING STUFF, AND YOU MENTIONED THAT THE FISH AROUND HERE ARE GOOD TO EAT...

I SUPPOSE THE NEXT THING TO DO IS TO TRY TO FIND FOOD AND WATER?

NOW...

THEN WATER IS OUR BIGGEST ISSUE.

WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLORE THE ISLAND AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOME.

GOTCHA!

THIS'LL DO!

BUT FIRST...

?

GO AHEAD AND TAKE LITTLE SIPS WHENEVER YOU NEED TO.

HERE. YOU TAKE THIS.

POM

RAKU DEAR-EST...!!

SPARKLE

WE CAN'T GO WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE BAREFOOT.

Nothing fancy, but it'll do.

RYU TAUGHT ME BACK WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

RUS TLE

IF THAT'S OKAY, LET'S GO.

AND SINCE YOUR BODY IS WEAK, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT EASY?

I'M A MAN, SO I CAN GO A DAY WITHOUT EATING OR DRINKING.

NO. I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DISCUSS ANYTHING SERIOUSLY.

BAM!

OH, RAKU DEAR-EST!

SHALL WE DISCUSS THE SERIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT NEVER BE RESCUED?

OH!

LOOK, RAKU DEAREST !!

WHAAAT ?!

KA

WATER !!!

BAM!

FOR THE TIME BEING, WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO SURVIVE!

Thank heavens!!

WHOAAA!! THERE REALLY IS WATER!!

WAY TO GO, TACHI-BANA!!

Don't want you to get sick.

I'LL DRINK SOME, AND IF I'M STILL GOOD BY THE TIME YOU'VE FINISHED THE BOTTLED WATER, YOU CAN DRINK IT TOO.

NO, NOT YOU.

SHALL WE TRY SOME?

SEEMS LIKE WATER COMING THROUGH ROCKS LIKE THIS IS SAFE TO DRINK, RIGHT?

The rocks kind of filter it, I guess?

Oh, Raku Dearest...!!

SHLOOSH

YES...

OH!

IN ANY CASE, I'M REALLY GLAD WE HAVE WATER.

NOW FOR FOOD. WE CAN HEAD BACK AND TRY TO CATCH SOME FISH.

But it's okay raw too.

NORMALLY IT'S COOKED...

IT'S A COMMON FRUIT IN KIRIBATI.

FIRST THE WATER, AND NOW THIS... IT'S ALMOST SPOOKY...

R-REALLY?

LOOK, OVER THERE!

THAT'S BREADFRUIT, ISN'T IT?

B... BREADFRUIT?

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Not to mention coconuts.

YOU FIND BANANAS GROWING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

NOT AT ALL. THESE ISLANDS ARE A TROPICAL FRUIT PARADISE.

WOW... IS THAT SO?

BUT HOW WILL WE PICK THEM?

THEY'RE AWFULLY HIGH UP...

GOOD QUES-TION...

CAN YOU...

...REACH?

SHAKA SHAKA

A-ALMOST...

I don't mind, Darling - Rakū!!

YOU'RE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE ...!!

GO ON, RAKU DEAREST, LOOK UP!!

LOOK UP! QUICKLY, NOW!

SHUP

THERE!

I GOT ONE!! I GOT ONE!!

LOOK, RAKU DEAREST !!

GASP

LOOK UP...

Whoops! You okay?!

WHMP

Eeeek!

Oh, Raku Dearest, don't be such a wet blanket!

Quit joking around and come down from there!!

KRAKLE

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WOW... HAVING A FIRE SURE IS COMFORTING.

YOU'RE AMAZING, RAKU DEAREST!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD START A FIRE WITH A BOTTLE OF WATER!!

I'm so impressed!

THE FOOD'S READY TOO!

SOMETIMES THE THINGS WE LEARN PAY OFF...

Using a bottle of water...

...as a magnifying lens to start a fire...

WHO KNEW THAT TRICK I SAW ON TV AS A KID WOULD COME IN HANDY...

Holy cow!!

DELICIOUS!!

I even cooked it! ♡

THERE'S BREAD-FRUIT TOO.

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.

TA—DAA!

I MADE SASHIMI WITH THE FISH YOU CAUGHT, RAKU DEAREST!

WHOAAA!!

GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT BEING STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND COULD BE SO LUXURIOUS...

TEE HEE! I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL! EVEN ON A DESERTED ISLAND, THE TWO OF US DO JUST FINE, RAKU DEAREST!

I HOPE THEY NEVER RESCUE US! ♡

What a thing to say...

I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR...

Hmm. Wish we had some soy sauce...

NOBODY RESCUED US TODAY.

YES. BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. THEY'LL PROBABLY FIND US TOMORROW.

I WAS PRETTY FREAKED OUT ABOUT BEING STRANDED...

...BUT YOU'RE JUST AS UNFLAPPABLE AS EVER.

YOU KNOW, TACHIBANA...

YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING.

WHAT?

...

RAKU DEAR-EST...

THANKS, TACHIBANA.

YOU'VE BEEN GREAT.

YOU SHOULD GET YOUR EARS CHECKED.

Like, as long as you're by my side, I know things will be okay?

YIPPEE YIPPEE YIPPEE YIPPEE

MAY I TAKE THAT AS A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW... RIGHT? RIGHT?

AAAH!! NO, NO, RAKU DEAREST...

Uh, no...

THEN AGAIN, IF YOU HADN'T KIDNAPPED ME, WE NEVER WOULD'VE GOTTEN STRANDED HERE...

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

NO, REALLY, IT'S FINE!

WAIT. IT'S DARK. I'LL GO...

I'LL GO GET MORE!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OUT OF WATER.

OH!

I SHOULD REALLY BE MORE APPRE-CIATIVE ...

...OF TACHI-BANA.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SUCH A POSITIVE PERSON AROUND.

ONE THING'S FOR SURE...

YEESH.

HFF

HFF

HFF

HFF

HFF

HFF

JUST A BIT LONGER...

JUST GIVE ME A BIT MORE TIME...

HFF

PRESS

HFF

PLEASE...

HFF

RIGHT NOW...

THIS IS MY TIME...

HFF

...WITH MY DARLING RAKU...

HFF

THUD!

Volume 19--Decision/END

It took about an hour.

SO WERE THE RESULTS BAD OR SOMETHING?

OH YEAH, THE RESULTS OF THE FAVORITE CHAPTER POLL ARE IN.

THE FIRST FAVORITE CHAPTER POLL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

WHAT'S WRONG, MARIKA? YOU LOOK DOWN.

COME ON, ANSWER US!

MWA HA HA HA HA HA!!!

UH... NOW YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT.

SO THEY WERE BAD?

HEH... HEH... HEH...

NO WAY!! MARIKA ?! WHAAAT ?!

YIPPEE! CHECK IT OUT, RAKU DEAR-EST!!!

AMAZ-ING.

WOW!

I DID IT, RAKU DEAREST! YOUR DARLING MARIKA DID IT!!

2nd Ch.49 Volume 6
Showtime
930 Votes

4th Ch.98 Volume 11
Good Morning
484 Votes

1st Ch.97 Volume 11
Request
1204 Votes

3rd Ch.115 Volume 13
Don't Worry
521 Votes

5th Ch.57 Volume 7
Notice Me!
439 Votes

5879 Votes Tallied!!
Thank you for voting!!
(An extra special thanks again to Y in Chiba!!)

*Please note that these results are from a poll taken in Japan only.

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1st Favorite Chapter Poll Results

Revealed: Readers' favorite episodes! And comments from our enthusiastic fans!

Anikoi Navigator Mimiko Kiki

6th Place and beyond!

8th Place — Ch.144 Volume 17 — Sleepover

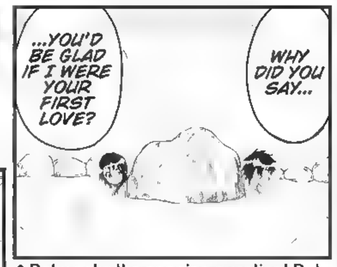
114 Votes

EPISODE

Raku and Kosaki go to work at an inn... and wind up sleeping over! Plus, the bath is co-ed! With its heart-pounding thrills, this chapter came in 8th place!

Raku and Onodera fall asleep on the train ride home. So cute!

Raku takes a bath with Kosaki?!



⬆ Raku asks the nagging question! But Kosaki gets overheated and passes out, and Raku never gets an answer!

Voters' Comments

- I can't help rooting for Onodera. She's so sweet and she tries so hard! (male, 30)
- I love Raku and Onodera! (female)
- The best is at the end, when they fall asleep together! (female, 15)

Voters' Comments

- When Onodera wrote her message at the end and then deleted it, my heart skipped a beat! (male, 19)
- This chapter made me a NISEKOI fan! (male,17)

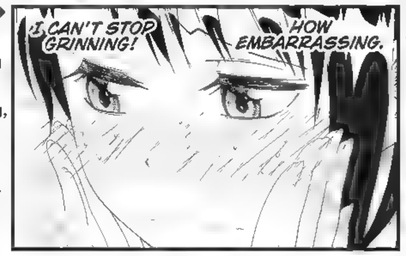
9th Place — Ch.39 Volume 5 — Typhoon

9.7 Votes

EPISODE

When Raku is over at Kosaki's house helping out at the shop, a sudden typhoon prevents him from leaving. He ends up hanging out in her bedroom! Lots of readers loved Kosaki's move at the end!

Kosaki ➡ was too cute, sprucing up her room, primping, and grinning like a fool in anticipation of Raku's visit.



Raku sets foot in Kosaki's bedroom!

10th Place — Ch.109 Volume 13 — Awkward

83 Votes

EPISODE

It's summer break, and Haru figures out that her Prince Charming is Raku. But Raku is Kosaki's crush... In this moving episode, Haru realizes her feelings... and decides she has to let go.

Haru weeps alone for lost love

⬆ Haru realizes her feelings for Raku! But she decides to give up and support her sister instead. Her solitary tears ⬅ touched readers' hearts ..

Voters' Comments

- I was so moved when Haru decided to sacrifice her own feelings for her sister! (male, 20)
- When Haru gave up on her crush and decided to support her sister, it moved me to tears. (male, 22)

See the next page for 11th Place and beyond!

6th Place — Ch.85 Volume 10 — Support

202 Votes

EPISODE

Shu normally plays the joker, but in this chapter he reveals his sincere side! When Kyoko Sensei quits teaching to get married, Shu intends to let her go without revealing his feelings for her, but Raku isn't willing to let his good friend ignore his heart. Ah, young love!

Seishiro plays a supporting role too!

Love declaration in the rain!

Shu runs after Kyoko Sensei, even knowing that his feelings won't be returned. After his confession, his face is peaceful and serene.

Raku and Shu are bros!

Voters' Comments

- I was totally moved by seeing a new side of Shu and by his friendship with Raku! (male, 27)
- A super cool episode depicting sincere friendship between two boys! (female, 22)
- My heart was most struck by the scene where Shu sprints through the rain to reach Kyoko Sensei! (male,16)

7th Place — Ch.147 Volume 17 — Big Sis Yui

132 Votes

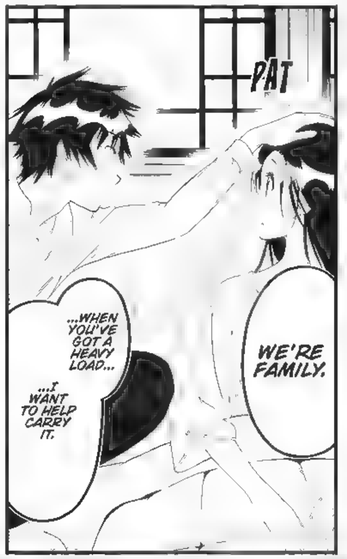
EPISODE

When Yui lost her parents as a young girl, Raku was like family to her, and served as her greatest support. A poignant portrayal of her powerful devotion to Raku, and her constant yearning to be reunited with him!

Yui always hides her weaknesses... but then the tears come...

Yui tells Raku that it relaxes her when he pats her head. But when she remembers him patting her head as a child, the tears start to flow...

Yui's tragic past revealed!



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	128	Together
	138	Daikichi
84th Place	19	Visiting the Sick
	35	Explosion
	86	Caregiver
	102	Cheer
	103	Overcoming
	108	Question
	136	Look-Alike
91st Place	14	We're Even
	70	Handcuffs
	77	Get to Work!
	83	Shu's Crush
	92	Bouquet
	113	Great-Grandpa
	124	Lady
	135	Singing Voice
99th Place	2	Questions
	17	Cute
	22	Hot Spring
	24	Luck of the Draw
	28	Celebration
	34	Pursuit
	117	Stomach Pain
	118	Big Sister
	119	Teacher
	137	Glad
	145	Sports
110th Place	6	Birds of a Feather
	7	Homemade
	9	Up Close
	11	The Keyhole
	20	Dense
	42	Festival
	46	The Play
	48	The Show
	59	Long Time No See
	68	Could it Be?
	76	Younger Sister
	79	Peace of Mind
	80	Suspension Bridge
	87	Special Day
	90	Blue
	96	Imagine
	140	Sleep
127th Place	4	The Encounter
	52	Measurements
	63	Afterwards
	66	Changing Seats
	72	Race Day
	82	Pool Cleanup
133rd Place	8	The Visit
	12	Out of the Bag
	54	Destiny
	73	Indirect
	89	Recreation
	95	Dirty Old Man
	120	Need to Know
	146	Perfect
	152	Sound Asleep

Conclusions

Our first-ever Favorite Chapter Poll resulted in a white-hot battle. Marika took 2nd place in the last character ranking, but she stole first in the Favorite Chapter Poll!! Since we changed the voting system, we didn't expect the results to be skewed by heavy hitters again, but Y of Chiba Prefecture once again astonished us by voting more than 800 times! Talk about unprecedented love! Congratulations, Marika...!!

11th Place and beyond!

11th Place	Volume 6 Ch. 50: The Stars	12th Place	Volume 15 Ch. 134: Choice
13th Place	Volume 1 Ch. 1: The Promise	13th Place	Volume 15 Ch. 129: Cold
15th Place	Volume 14 Ch. 125: Girls Are...	16th Place	Volume 4 Ch. 27: Detour
17th Place	Volume 12 Ch. 106: Search	18th Place	Volume 8 Ch. 69: Last Minute
19th Place	Volume 7 Ch. 62: The Reason	20th Place	Volume 13 Ch. 110: Outing

Rank	Chapter	Title
21st Place	38	Work
	122	Conference
23rd Place	91	Chagrin
24th Place	81	Public Bath
	130	Interview
26th Place	149	Mistress
27th Place	18	Happiness
28th Place	65	Transformation
	84	Friends
30th Place	141	Sincere
31st Place	13	Zawsze in Love
32nd Place	10	Swimming
	99	Delicate
34th Place	26	Love Letter
	33	Showdown
36th Place	64	Shrine Maidens
	131	Plot
38th Place	100	Test
	107	Festival
	133	One-on-One
41st Place	71	Work
	143	Let's Work
43rd Place	25	What's in a Name?
44th Place	37	Greeting
45th Place	51	From Now On
	58	Lost
47th Place	55	Contest
	142	Animals
49th Place	16	Showdown
	40	Liar
	44	At the Beach
	104	Raku Dearest
	111	Head Over Heels
	148	Successor
	150	Groups
56th Place	3	The First Time
	15	Rival
	75	Kamikaze
	88	Loss
	93	Slimming Down
	101	Cake Shop
	116	Lunchbox
	126	Declaration
	132	Beauty Contest
65th Place	41	Stray Dog
	61	Mother
	74	Big Lie
	105	Tanabata
	112	Steps
	123	Suitable
	139	Speech
72nd Place	23	Women's Bath
	43	Blessings
	45	Turmoil
	56	Teach Me!
	127	The King
77th Place	32	Umbrella Buddies
	36	Three Keys
	53	Horoscope
	94	Costume

Bonus Comic!!

The Magical Girls are cornered by Dr. Maiko, Prince of Evil.

Mwa ha ha ha!! So you made it this far!

Well done! But do you really think you can take us on?!

Evil

Magical Confectioner Kosaki!!!

What should we do, Rurin?

Well... Kosaki, we could start by taking your panties and...

Never mind. We'll figure it out ourselves.

Yeah, we don't want a repeat of last time.

Well? You're our leader... You got a strategy or somethin'?

His Whatchamacallit Beam is a real pain!

I'm older than you, remember?!

Wait a sec... You called me Yui-chan* ?!

You're here!

I have a special power-enhancing item I've been saving!

Yui-chan ?!

Wait... I know that voice!

Leave it to me, Kosaki!

*Chan is an honorific that is often used toward someone younger.

It's a special battle-grade garment that has been passed down for generations in Magical Land!

His Anti-Magic Beam is no match for this!

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

For real?! A special costume?!

Yippeee!!

Power enhancing...?

Yes!

It's called Magical Girl Magical Princess Mode!!

The Magical Girls are having a secret strategy powwow... I've heard about this costume...

Ha!

Why didn't you tell us sooner?!

Is it cute?!

Yaaay! A new outfit!!

SQUEAL

SQUEAL

KA-PAH

!!!

KA-

HEH HEH HEH

Take it, please!

Inter-esting!!

But what on earth is it?

MAGICAL PRINCESS MODE!!!!

MAGICAL CONFECTIONER KOSAKI!!

KA-

-BAM

KOFF BLOOSH

Hang in there!!

Boss!!

Um, that's not the issue!!

Don't worry, girls They're actually way more protective than they look...

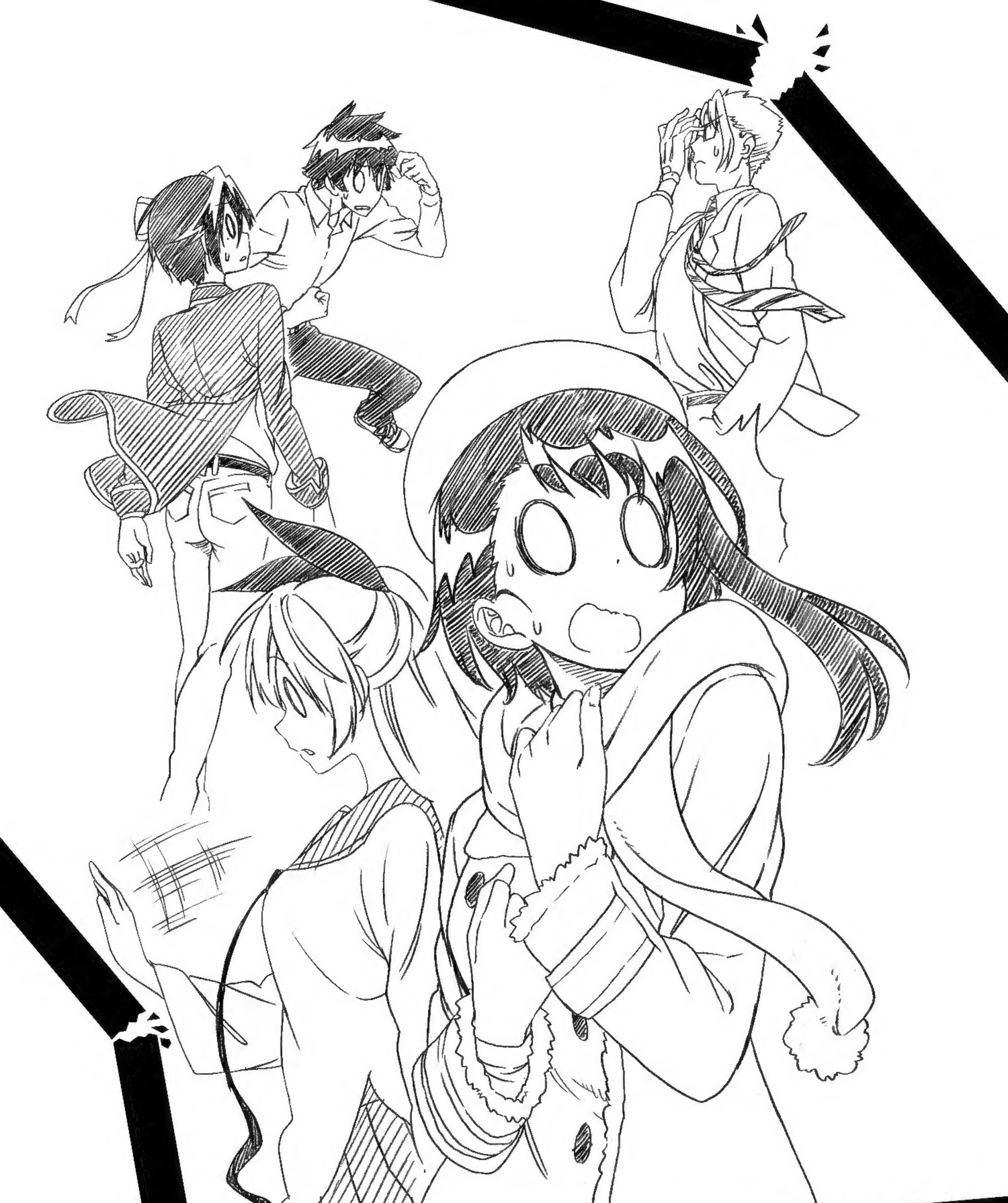
Eeagh!! What the—?! You can totally see everthing!!

What is this?! I feel so exposed!!

EEEEEEK!!

To be continued...

You're so strong...
This costume's easier to move in, right?
What are you so worked up about?
How like you...



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